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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

FAMINE IN RUSSIA.  
PETROPSBURG, November 20.—Advices from Tashkend report that 1,000 families from the southern famine-stricken districts of Russia have arrived in the Sir Darya country, and that an equal number of people are on their way thither. A local committee has been formed under the presidency of the Governor of Tashkend to supply means of support to these unfortunate people.

THE BRAZILIAN REVOLUTION.  
50,000 ARMED INSURGENTS.  
NEW YORK, November 21.—The Herald publishes a despatch from Buenos Ayres announcing the General Ossorio, the commander of the insurgents in Rio Grande do Sul, threatens to march on Rio de Janeiro.

(CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAM.)

New York, November 21.—According to a despatch received here, the Brazilian squadron on the Upper Uruguay River has revolted. General Ossorio, one of the leading spirits of the Junta, persists in his refusal to accept any compromise or to arrange any terms with Fonseca's Government. His entire aim is to overthrow Fonseca.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
RAILWAY DISASTER.  
BUENOS AIRES, November 19.—A serious accident occurred to-day on the Eisenmada Railway, when two carriages of a passenger train fell over a viaduct. Eight persons were severely injured and the carriages were broken to pieces. The locomotive remained on the track and was not damaged.

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THE QUEEN'S RETURN TO WINDSOR.

The Queen, accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg and children, left Balmoral on Friday for Windsor. The royal party drove to Ballater, and travelled thence at 3.15 by special train, which consisted of sixteen carriages, her Majesty's saloon, as usual, occupying the central position. The royal train arrived at Windsor at 9.10 on Saturday morning. Mr. Neale, superintendent, and Mr. Park, of the North-Western Railway, and Mr. Burdon, superintendent, and Messrs. Armstrong and Spagnoletti, of the Great Western line, accompanied, and Mr. Alfred Higgins, divisional superintendent of the London district, and the mayor of Windsor, were present at the terminus, where Colonel the Hon. H. Byng was in waiting. The royal party proceeded at once to the castle. The guard turned out upon the hill, and the weather being fine, a number of spectators assembled in the streets.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.  
COLOGNE, November 19.—The Cologen Gazette learns from St. Petersburg, on what describes as good authority, that M. Vissagradschi, the Russian Minister of Finance, in conversation with some of the great bankers of that city, said that as the French market had left him in the lurch he must again endeavour to arrive at an understanding with Germany in regard to financial affairs, and he had already taken steps in the Council of Ministers to effect a rapprochement with Germany.

BOURSE SPECULATION IN GERMANY.

BERNIN, November 20.—A motion, supported by the Conservatives and the Imperial and Centre parties, has been brought forward in the Reichstag, calling upon the Government to introduce a bill during the present session rendering any person who may make a gambling business out of time bargains, liable to criminal prosecution, and placing the bourse and the dealings on them under the control of the State.

AFFAIRS IN ARGENTINA.

NEW YORK, November 19.—The Herald publishes a despatch from Buenos Ayres, stating that the city of San Luis is reported to be in a ferment. Soldiers patrol the streets, and the Governor's house has been converted into military headquarters. The telegram adds that a gunboat has ascended the river to guard Uruguayan territory.

PRESIDENCY OF CHILI.

NEW YORK, November 19.—According to a despatch from Valparaiso, published by the Herald, the Electoral College will meet at Santiago to-day, when it will publicly choose San Jorge Montt as President of Chili.

ATTEMPTED FINANCIAL FRAUDS.

PARIS, November 19.—Several of this morning's journals report that the president of the Bordeaux Agents de Change received a despatch yesterday, on the opening of the Bourse purporting to be signed by M. Hart, president of the Agents de Change in Paris, stating positively that French bonds would appear.

He immediately telegraphed to M. Hart for an explanation, and received a message in reply declaring that the first telegram was a forgery. A preliminary inquiry has been opened regarding the affair.

STRIKE OF FRENCH MINERS.

SERIOUS AFFRAY.

LENS, November 15, Evening.—A serious affray occurred to-night at Mericourt, between the miners on strike and a party of workmen who were on their way to the pits. The fighting with sticks and fists was very fierce, and lasted for a considerable time. A number of men sustained bad cuts and bruises, but six were very seriously injured.

LIEVIN, November 19.—Four of the strike hands arrested here were yesterday sentenced to periods of imprisonment ranging from two to six months. M. Lamain addressed a meeting of about 1,000 miners yesterday, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted in favour of a continuation of the strike. In the course of the evening a deputation from the miners waited upon the director of the Levallois Collieries with a list of their demands. He informed them that he would give his reply to their chairman Saturday next. The Petit Journal published an account of an interview with the Prefect of the Pas de Calais, who expressed his conviction that the strike would go against the miners. A fall had recently occurred in the price of coal, and it was said that several colliery owners had only been awaiting an opportunity to deprive their employees of the pecuniary advantage which they were compelled to grant on the occasion of the strike of 1889. This opportunity, the Prefect added, has now presented itself.

PASSE, November 19.—Several managers of coal mines in the Department of Pas de Calais had an interview with M. Yves Guyot, the Minister of Public Works, to-day, to discuss the present situation in that department. They intimated to the Minister that the com-

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dition of coal mining was such as precluded payment of increased wages to the miners.

LILLE, November 19.—All the coal merchants and manufacturers in this district have received offers from English collieries for the supply of coal on the same terms as those on which it is delivered by the mines here. In fact, in the northern part of the Department of the Nord the price charged for English coal delivered at the owner's house is even lower than that of French coal.

EXPECTED CRISIS IN AUSTRIA.

VIEENNA, November 20.—Rumours are circulated in political quarters to-day of an approaching Ministerial crisis. Count Kalnoky is, it is said, greatly annoyed at the unfavourable interpretation put by public opinion on the recent speech from the throne, as well as upon his own declarations. It is reported to be his intention to resign the Premiership. Should he take this step, it is believed that he will be appointed chief officer of the imperial household, in succession to Prince Hohenlohe-Schillingsburg. Under such an arrangement there is little doubt that Privy Councillor Kainz, now Imperial Minister of Finance, would succeed Count Kalnoky as Minister for Foreign Affairs, and that Herr Dunajowski would become Imperial Finance Minister.

A LIFEBOAT FOR FOLKESTONE.

At Folkestone on Thursday evening, the mayor presided over a very large meeting, at which it was resolved to establish a lifeboat there, and an anonymous gift of £100 was announced.

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WANDSWORTH.—Dr. Gutteridge (G.) will oppose M. H. Kimber (C.). Mr. J. Ward, Socialist, will also stand.

REMARKABLE BREACH OF PROMISE.

Mrs. Matilda Partridge, aged 70, has just secured a verdict and 200 dollars damages in an action for breach of promise against Mr. Andrew Joyce, of Brooklyn.

THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

Over 100 lads at the St. Vincent's Human Catholic Industrial School at Dartford, have been attacked with a very severe form of influenza. Some of the cases have already terminated fatally.

A CONVICT RESPITE.

The Home Secretary has granted a respite to the man Lazell, who was condemned at an earlier trial.

A SAD CASE.

A TOUCHING SCENE.

A touching scene was witnessed at the Northamptonshire Assizes on Friday, in the case of an attempted wife-murder. The prisoner, Thomas Emberton, aged 35 years, had been a schoolmaster and organist of the church at Titmarsh for a number of years, and had married. The couple lived happily until the prisoner became enamoured of a pupil teacher who was a widow with three children. The plaintiff was talking and laughing with some gentlemen and making a noise, and it was to distract her attention from them that he asked her to take stock, which would not have occupied more than ten minutes. He never uttered the slanderous words complained of. The plaintiff lost her temper and was angry. Cross-examined by Mr. Glynn: This is not the only action pending against you by young ladies? What they say is not true.—P. S. Bodman stated that he refused to turn the plaintiff out, but in case there might be a breach of the peace he remained at the restaurant. (Laughter.) 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## NORTH COUNTRY SKETCHES.

BY P. ANDERSON GRAHAM.

**STAND AND DELIVER!**  
Stories about highwaymen would make the pleasantest reading in the world were it not for the last sentence with which they close. There was Tim Buckley, who robbed a merry Andrew at Hyde Park Corner, and a pawn-broker between Buckingham and London, and a stockjobber on the Great North road, reading each as he did so a most edifying homily on the dishonesty of his calling. What a lugubrious close to his jolly career was effected at Nottingham in 1701, when he was incontinently hanged. Funny Jack Hall, too, who played such a merry trick upon the robbemake, whom he induced to try on one of his own cassocks and then robbed incontinently came to the gallows at last. Look, too, at the chivalrous speech made by amorous Jack Overt when, robbing the stage coach at Worcester, he cast his eyes on a young gentlewoman, with whom he fell head over heels in love. "Madame," he said, "cast not your eyes down, neither cover your face with those modest blushes. Your charms have softened my temper, and I am no more the man I was." The love-sick robber, however, could not find it in his conscience to be honest even for once. "What I have taken from you," he vowed to the lady, "is only borrowed," and solemnly did he promise if she would give him her address to return it in a week. At the expiration of that time he sent her a proposal of marriage, but unfortunately forgot to enclose the money. "Nay, then," she replied, "I will not become your wife, because I do not wish to be a widow." The prophetic hint came true, for in 1708 he was executed for a robbery committed very shortly after this adventure. While the highwayman lived he undoubtedly led a very merry life. The celebrated William Mowall had at one time six different wives living in various parts of the country, so that at whatever point he might be conducting operations the comforts of the fireside always were within his reach. Whenever he was in luck and flush of money he lived like some great lord, with servants and equipage of the best, and it was under this false show that he captivated the affection, and led in succession three ladies of fortune to the altar. It was by the merest accident, however, that he, too, was not hanged, but the cheater that seized him in mid-career cheated the hangman of his due. To the very last gasp, however, William kept up his reputation pretending on his deathbed to be Mr. Wickham and a gentleman of great fortune. By this means he thought to have swindled a genteel burial for himself. Alas! at the very last moment the fraud was discovered. He was lying in state with burning tapers and rich mourning drapery, when it was discovered that the gentleman whose name and style he had adopted was still alive, and the victim of his last imposture, indignant at being cheated, stripped the body of its finery and had it flung unceremoniously into a grave in St. Clement's Churchyard, not doubt to the great vexation of his ghost.

Another of the things about highwaymen that at various times have exercised my imagination, is the attempt to realise what man feels who has recovered from a hanging. Patrick O'Bryan, for example, was hanged at Gloucester for a robbery committed some two miles out of that city. But the body being given to some of his acquaintances for burial, one of them fancied that life was not quite extinct, and hurried off to a doctor, who, presently arriving, speedily restored the seeming dead man to life. Now one would imagine that the horror of such an experience would serve a man for a lifetime, for whatever bravado he may assume on the scaffold, it is pretty certain that he who, far from health and vigour, and not with the decayed faculties of an invalid, sees deathgradually approaching for days, and perhaps weeks, endures the agony of the last half hour and the bitterest wrench—when as we know, the song of a lifetime will in a moment dash across his mind—and has felt the most tremendous terror man can feel. Still, the effects seem to pass away quite easily. Patrick, in answer to the solicitations of his friends, vowed the most complete amends, but when the devil was in the devil a monk would be.

The devil was well, the devil a monk would be. Within twelve months of his escape he was on the road again, bolder and more cruel than ever. Meeting the gentleman for whose robbery he had been hanged, "You ought to imagine," he said, "that what you see now is only my ghost; however, lest you should be so uncivil as to hang my ghost too, I will despatch you to the shades." Thereupon he shot the gentleman with a pistol, and then frightfully mutilated his body with a knife. Not long afterwards he and some accomplices barbaorously murdered a Wiltshire gentleman, along with his wife and daughter, who had previously been subjected to the most horrible outrage. It was not till two more years of crime that he was caught; and at last hanged beyond the hope of recovery. Of the notorious Simpeon, it is said that after an equally hair-breath escape at Tyburn, he committed no fewer than forty robberies in the space of six weeks. Who went on the highway, however, habitually took his life in his hand, and probably got accustomed to the thought that it might be lost at any moment. A chance shot with a pistol or thrust with a knife was always, so to speak, on the cards.

Some of the desperados were possessed of a bravery and endurance that would have graced a better cause. In times when the *peins frites et durs* was still a reality in England, the notorious highwayman, Nathaniel Hawes, refused to plead, and thus exposed himself to the penalty of being crushed under a heavy weight till he yielded. He was but a youth of twenty, and the kindly judge advised him to reconsider his determination. But, no; he was going to show them that a gentleman of the road knew how to die, and therefore dared them to do their worst. For seven minutes he heroically bore a weight of two hundred and fifty pounds on his breast, and then, instead of missing a chance to show off at the gallows by being crushed to death, he consented to plead. Shortly afterwards he had the satisfaction of being executed at Tyburn. in Sep-

tember, 1721. And that it was a satisfaction there can be no doubt. Dick Low, who began thieving at the early age of 11, and ended his career in the usual manner at the age of 25, in his speech from the scaffold expressed only one regret—*in*, that he had not commenced operations at an earlier age. Again, when Tom Cox was brought to the scaffold, on being asked if he would join his fellow-victim in prayer, replied, "D—n you, no!" and tried to kick both the priest and the hangman. Most of these died boasting of their deeds. When once a man got used to the excitement of the road, the danger of one hour and the deep darkness of the next, conscience seemed never more to trouble him. Even the great Du Val died with a smile in his pocket boasting of his success with the ladies, and making a very cynical boast in regard to them.

Who were the last of the highwaymen is a matter of dispute, but well into the present century some of them were a terror on the Great North road. There is living not far from it at the present moment a gentleman who more than once has told me of a curious adventure which he had from those who knew his grandfather well. The old gentleman was a sportsman of the thorough Northumbrian type—as brawny and vigorous a veteran as could be seen. One night there was a dinner-party at the house, and contrary to his usual habit, the host was far too late for it. Some anxiety was expressed because he had gone to ride on winter afternoon among some of the loneliest of the many dismal lanes that lie along the foot of the Cheviots. At last, however, his voice was heard in the hall, and with true courtesy he made his way straight into the dining-hall, where his hearty jests and laughter quickly allayed the apprehension of his guests. When asked what delayed him, he related that at a corner, which many hunting men still recognise under the name of the "Three Elms"—for it used to be a favourite meeting-place—a ruman from the dark shadows of the plantation, and, calling on the passenger to stand and deliver, placed his own big horse across the narrow bridge-side so that the other could not pass. As he had a knife in one hand and pistol in the other, the command was sufficiently apparent. Still, the old sportsman did not like to cry "craven," and made a vigorous attempt to spur his horse on. In a moment the pistol was discharged at his head, but fortunately missed him. The two then grappled and were both dismounted. Eventually the intended victim managed to wrest the weapon from his adversary and get clear away. It was the trouble of catching his horse, he explained apologetically, that had caused him to go so late. "But were you not hurt in any way?" was the natural question of his wife. "Not a bit," he replied. "Then did you not do anything to the highwayman?" asked a visitor. "Oh, yes," replied he coolly and in the patois of the place, "I cut off his thumb. See, here it is, and out of his waistcoat pocket hedrew a newly-amputated human thumb. Curiously enough, the police were unable to find a thumbless man in the district, but it was noticed that a very suspicious character, a half-bred gipsy, was no more seen in the vicinity. At his departure there was a gradual break up of the gang that for some time previously had made that portion of the Great North road dangerous—not that their depredations were conducted on the highway itself, for the gradually increasing traffic and the better police arrangements made that almost impossible. Besides, the stage coaches were so much swifter and better than they used to be that the game of stopping them came to an end. Thus the last of the highwaymen were no better than tramps of a slightly superior sort, who were not above begging in the more populous districts, but who, in the less frequented lanes, carried on the old calling with greatly diminished glory, their exploits being confined for the most part to stopping aged or feeble men and women.

One such lane was a terror to the timid even in my own boyhood. It lies close to the old Roman road that leads into Scotland, and the engineers who made it had been obliged to make a deep cut through a high bank. This gorge was quite overshadowed by trees, and on a winter night, even when the moon was shining, was of more than Cimorian darkness. To add to the terror of the place there was, on a wooded hillside, a ruined house, and everybody should grow it for fear of the furies. The difference between the fruit buds and buds that will produce foliage only will be marked enough now to be easily distinguished by any one who has given the smallest attention to the former, the former being round and plump, while the latter are flat and pointed. I would strongly urge all amateur growers to plant a few fruit trees, and let them remain undisturbed till they get crowded to flower wall. Then let them out, divide, and start a new colony under like conditions.

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JOHNSON'S  
OLD WOMAN."

BY BRETT HARTE.

It was growing dark, and the Sonora trail was becoming more indistinct before me at every step. The difficulty had increased over the grassy slope, where the overflow from some smaller watercourses above had worn a number of diverging gullies soliciting the trail, so as to be indistinguishable from it. Unable to determine which was the right one, I threw the reins over the mule's neck, and tried to trust to that superior animal's sagacity, of which I had heard so much. But I had not taken into account the equally well-known weaknesses of sex and species, and Chu Chu had already shown uncontrollable signs of wanting her own way. Without a moment's hesitation, feeling the relaxed bridle, she laid down and rolled over.

In this perplexity the sound of horse's hoof-ringling out of the rocky canon beyond was a relief, even if momentarily embarrassing. An instant afterwards a horse and rider appeared cantering round the hill on what was evidently the lost trail, and pulled up as I succeeded in forcing Chu Chu to her legs again.

"Is that the trail from Sonora?" I asked.

"Yes," but with a critical glance at the mule, "I reckon you ain't going that-a-night."

"Why not?"

"It's a matter of eighteen miles, and most of it a blind trail through the woods after you take the valley."

"Is it worse than this?"

"What's the matter with this trail? You ain't expecting a race-course or a shell road over the foot hills—are ya?"

"No. Is there any hotel where I can stop?"

"Nary."

"Nor any house?"

"No."

"Thank you. Good night."

He had already passed on, when he halted again and turned in his saddle. "Look yer. Just a spell over yon canon ye'll find a pack of buckeyes to the right and ye'll see a trail. That'll take ye to a shanty. You ask if it's Johnson's."

"Who's Johnson?"

"I am. You ain't lookin' for Vanderbilt or God Almighty up here, are you? Well, then, you bark to me, will you! You say to my old woman to give you supper and a shake-down somewhere to-night. Say I sent you. So long."

He was gone before I could accept or decline. An extraordinary noise proceeded from Chu Chu, not unlike a suppressed chuckle. I looked sharply at her; she coughed affectedly, and, with her head and neck stretched to their greatest length, appeared to contemplate her nose little off form, shot with admiring abstraction. But as soon as I had mounted she set off abruptly, crossed the rocky canon, apparently sighted the patch of buckeyes, and disappeared into the bushes. I approached, called for, and the slight hesitation found the trail to the right, and in half an hour stood before the shanty.

It was a log cabin with an additional "lean-to" of the same material, roofed with bark, and on the other side a large and more ambitious "extension" built of rough, unplaned, and unpainted redwood, lightly shingled. The "lean-to" was evidently used as a kitchen, and the central extension as a living-room. The barking of a dog, as I approached, called four children of different sizes to the open door, where already an enterprising baby was weakly crawling to crawl over a bar of wood laid across the threshold to restrain it.

In this Johnson's house?"

My remark was really addressed to the eldest, a boy of apparently 9 or 10, but I felt that my attention was unduly fascinated by the baby, who at that moment had toppled over the bar, and was calmly eyeing me upside down, while silently and heroically suffocating in its petticoats. The suffocation of the star was had grown lighter through a wind opening in the trees I could see the heavy bulk of the opposite mountain, and beyond it a superb crest defined by a red line of fire, which, however, cast no reflection on the surrounding earth or sky. Faust woodland currents of air, still warm from the afternoon sun, stirred the leaves around me with lone-drawn aromatic breaths. But these in time gave way to the steady Sierran night wind sweeping down from the higher summits, and rocking the tops of the tallest pines, yet leaving the tranquillity of the dark lower aisles unshaken. It was very quiet; there was no cry nor call of beast or bird in the darkness, the long rustle of the tree tops sounded as faint as the far off wash of distant seas. Nor did the resemblance cease there; the close-set firs of the pines and cedars, stretching in immeasurable ranks to the horizon, were filled with the immeasurable loneliness of an ocean shore. In this vast silence I began to think I understood the taciturnity of the dwellers in the solitary cabin.

When I returned, however, I was surprised to find the tallest girl standing by the door. As I approached she retreated before me, and, pointing to the corner where a common cot had been evidently just put up, said, "Ye can turn in there, only ye'll have to rouse out early when 'Dolphus does the chores," and was turning towards the extension again, when I stopped her almost appealingly.

"One moment, please. Can I see your mother?"

She stopped and looked at me with a singular expression. Then she said sharply:

"You know, fust rate, she's dead."

She was turning away again, but I think she must have seen my concern in my face, for she hesitated. "Bub," I said quickly, "I certainly understood your father that is, Mr. Johnson." I added, interrogatively, "to say that—that I was to speak to—didn't like to repeat the exact phrase 'his wife.'"

"I don't know what he was playin' for," she said shortly. "Mar've been dead now a year."

"But," I persisted. "Is there no grown-up woman here?"

"No."

"Then who takes care of you and the children?"

"I do."

"Yourself and your father—ah?"

"Dad ain't here two days running, and then on'y to sleep."

"And you take the entire charge of the house?"

"Yes, and the log tallises."

"The log tallises?"

"Yes; keep count and measure the logs that go by the slide."

It flashed upon me that I had passed the slide, or declivity on the hill side, where logs were slipped down into the valley, and I inferred that Johnson's

business was cutting timber for the mill.

"But you're rather young for all this work," I suggested.

"I'm goin' on 16," she said gravely. Indeed, for the matter of that, she might have been any age. Her face, on which sunburn took the place of complexion, was already hard and set. But on a nearer view I was struck with the fact that her eyes, which were not large, were almost indistinguishable from the presence of the most singular eyelashes I had ever seen. Intensely black, intensely thick, and even tangled in their profusion, they bristled rather than fringed her eyelids, obliterating everything but the shining black pupils beneath, which were like certain lustrous hairy mountain berries. It was this woodland suggestion that seemed to uncannily connect her with the locality. I went on playfully.

"That's not very old—but tell me!—does your father, or did your father, ever speak of you as 'his old woman'?" She nodded. "Then you thought I was mar'?" she said smiling.

It was such a relief to see her worn face relax, its expression of pathetic gravity—although this operation quite buried her eyes in their black thickest hedge again—that I continued cheerfully, "It wasn't much of a mistake, considering all you do for the house and family."

"Then you didn't tell Billy 'to go and be dead in the ground with me,' as he 'tows you did?'" she said half-supiciously, yet trembling on the edge of a smile.

No, I had not, but I admitted that my asking him to go to his mother might have been open to this dismal construction by a sensitive infant mind. She seemed mollified, and again turned to me.

"Good night, Miss—; you know your father didn't tell me your real name," I said.

"Karline!"

"Good night, Miss Karline." I held out my hand.

She looked at it and then at me through her indicate lashes. Then she struck it with a brisk, but not unkindly, said "Quite foolin', now," as if she might have said to one of the children, and disappeared through the inner door. Not knowing whether to be amused or indignant I remained silent a moment. Then I took a turn outside in the increasing darkness, listened to the now hurrying wind over the tree tops, re-entered the cabin, closed the door, and went to bed.

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## OUR OMNIBUS.

## PIPER PAN.

The concert given at the Crystal Palace last Saturday was very enjoyable. The excellent orchestra played the Symphony No. 1 in C minor, of Brahms' faultlessly. I confess that I cannot admire this work, while recognising its able orchestration, but we cannot confine ourselves exclusively to the symphonies of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. Miss Fanny Davis played Schumann's pianoforte concerto in finished style, and Mr. Edward Lloyd's fine voice was heard to advantage in Wagner's "Preis Leid," and Gluck's "Uns des la plus tendre enfance" (in English).

At last Monday's popular concert Mozart's quartett in D major was the chief attraction, and was admirably played by M.M. Hayes, Eise, Strauss, and De Munck; his first appearance at these concerts. M. De Munck is a master of the violincello, and the pure quality of his tone is no less remarkable than his command of technique. I doubt if a better substitute for Signor Patti can be found.

It is rumoured that Sir Augustus Harris is disposed to give a series of German operas at Covent Garden. Why not? More than seven years have passed since we had a German opera company in London, and I should welcome another—so long as they refrained from revivals of Wagner's *Melubung* trilogy.

Our young composers are bestirring themselves, and I can speak highly of a M.S. cantata, "God is our refuge," composed by Mr. Prosper Burnett, and produced at a recent concert of the Blackheath Philharmonic Society. The work abounds in graceful and expressive melody, adorned with masterly orchestration, and I shall look forward hopefully for the next work by this promising young composer.

Mr. D'Oyly Carte has withdrawn Sullivan's "Ivanhoe," and for some time to come "The Bascoc" will alone be performed at the Royal English Opera House, pending the production of an English version of "Alaine," and the new English operas promised by M.M. Goring Thomas, Frederic Cohen, and other writers. I greatly admire "Ivanhoe," but I doubt if it is appreciated by average audiences; yet I recently met an officer, on furlough, who told me he had attended nine performances of "Ivanhoe," and meant to see it again.

Senior Luce must be congratulated on the honour conferred upon him by the Queen, who since Prince Albert's death has never witnessed a tragic opera, but has commanded a performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana" at Windsor Castle on Thursday next. On Thursday evening the Shaftesbury Theatre will be closed.

"Cavalleria Rusticana" ends tragically, and the terrible scene between Turrida and his victim, poor young Santuzza, is powerfully affecting, but I could not wish for livelier minstrelsy than the "Siciliane" and the "Brindisi," sung by Turrida, and those most of the choruses. Lola's solo, "Fior di giugno," may also be mentioned as an illustration of Mascagni's ability to invent delightfully bright and fresh melodies, in strong contrast with the fearful finale.

Let me remind my readers that Mozart's "Requiem" will be performed at the Crystal Palace on the centenary of his death, Saturday, December 5th. The societies that announce performances of "Mozart's Twelfth Mass" are no doubt, unaware that of the so-called not a single note was written by Mozart.

When Mr. Charles Wyndham purchased the rights of performing M. Audran's comic opera "Miss Helyett," under an English title ("Miss Decima") he sought to engage Miss Decima Moore for the principal part, but she could not be spared by Mr. D'Oyly Carte, and "Miss Decima" was admirably represented by Mdlle. Neville. That popular artist's health has given way, and she will not be one of the company by whom, on and after Thursday next, "Miss Decima" will be performed at the Prince of Wales' Theatre.

I have just learned that arrangements have been made by Mr. Horace Sedger and Mr. D'Oyly Carte for the engagement by the former of Miss Decima Moore, who will on Thursday next appear for the first time in the rôle of Miss Decima. She is studying the part with her teacher, Madame Rose Hersee, who prophesies a great success for her pupil, who, thus far, has had no opportunity of displaying the best qualities of her voice. Mr. David James will continue to represent the Rev. Dr. Jeremie Jackson, and the cast will be strengthened by the engagement of Mr. Haydon Coffin as Miss Decima's lover, Holliston. Miss Jessie Moore will take her sister's place at the Savoy.

**OLLA PODRADA**—Rubinstein has completed a cantata for female voices. The celebrated "Heckmann Quartett" will give a chamber concert at Steinway Hall on Tuesday next. The famous violinist, Popper, will appear for the last time this season at a grand concert to be given at St. James' Hall on Wednesday next. Mr. Scovel's recent impersonation of Lohengrin (at Covent Garden) was, in all respects, successful. Sarasate will give a recital at Birmingham next Thursday. On Monday next he will appear for the first time this season at St. James' Hall, 3 p.m.

## BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

Two letters bearing foreign postage stamps lie upon my table this week. The first is from Ladiamith, Natal. Mr. Schenk, of that place, kindly sends a cutting from a Johannesburg newspaper telling how a native was bitten in the leg by a puff adder. The man is said to have merely killed the reptile, swallowed a mysterious remedy that was in his pocket, skinned the snake and ate it all except the head. In the evening he returned to his master's house with the snake skin round his hat and the fangs marks in his leg. He refused to divulge the secret. Similar stories have been heard of before, but, unfortunately the grand secret is never divulged. One naturally becomes sceptical.

It may interest my readers to know that Mr. Schenk declares the circulation of the People to be exceeded by no other journal from home that reaches the colony. He further remarks upon the curious circumstances that many colonists, who have been bitter Radicals at home turn strong Conservatives as soon as they get a bit of land, a house, or a farm of their own, and adopt the principles they have been strenuously opposed to all their lives.

The other foreign letter was from "Pigtail," Arnhem, Holland. Whilst digging with a small trowel in some sandy soil near that town he came upon five eggs, each very like the soft egg of a hen, but with the white skin rather thicker, and about the size of a house-sparrow's eggs. My verdict is lizard's eggs. They are too small for a snake's. Turtles eggs are often difficult to hatch, but "Pigtail's" best chance will be to place them in a warm spot with some of the same soil over them. They will not be likely to come until spring-time.

Advice from America informs me that young Mr. Thalberg, who was recently at the

gate, says that he saw martins and swallows still flying about at Dumpton Grove, near that place on the 15th inst., which is later than they have ever been known to stay at Ramsgate before. The recent gales would, of course, retard their departure; but before the storms came up there was plenty of time for the birds to go. If they do not go soon they will suffer for their timidity when the frost comes on.

Miss Hopley who, as my readers are probably aware, is now in South Africa investigating snakes and snake-stories, made the belief in snakes of the viper family availing their young in order to save them from danger holds ground among the inhabitants as it does in England. Miss Hopley believes in this story, so do I. But I must really be pardoned if I hesitate a little when Miss Hopley goes on to give credence to another popular idea, namely, that snakes and their cubs of their milk. There may be good foundation for the story, and it might be possible, but one loses one's breath at being so suddenly plunged into it. Miss Hopley has the authority of Captain Bayley, who has witnessed the performance, which certainly seems to put the matter beyond doubt; but that it is a common occurrence in certain parts of the United States for snakes to be observed in the act of milking cows is difficult at first to believe. Miss Hopley, however, clearly shows how possible it would be for a snake to do as described, and there read's is no very cogent reason why it should not.

The committee of the Animal's Institut are, I am glad to say, organising for the winter month a series of exhibitions of cab-horses, donkeys, dogs, cats, monkeys, and birds, and have arranged with eminent specialists to give lectures on each of these occasions on the points, feeding and treatment of animals. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be given to successful competitors. Quite rightly the animals of professional breeders and dealers are not eligible, but I suspect the committee will have some trouble in drawing the line between professional and amateur breeders. I shall be glad to hear more about these exhibitions, the details as to entrance fees, &c. I suppose that the public will be admitted at some low charge. The idea is a good one, and the institute is certain to carry it out thoroughly.

I saw a very interesting little monkey at Pring's "Menagerie" in the Brompton-road, the other day. It is a squirrel monkey, otherwise known as a Tee-tee, and is not a very common pet in this country. Its diminutive size and great round dark eyes make its appearance very unmonkeylike, but there was something pathetic and touching in it. The poor little creature was in a cage with some rabbits, where it kept itself warm and snug by clinging to their backs. At first, it was holding on tightly to a huge white rabbit, which hardly felt its weight; but afterwards it transferred itself to a small bunny to whom it proved somewhat of an incubus. Its little hands clasped the rabbit's coat tightly, its little head leaned forward, and its body and hind legs were stretched out behind. It would be a capital lady's monkey and could be kept in a box in a drawing-room even. It needs a warm temperature though, for squirrel monkeys are natives of Brazil and are not of robust constitution. One grows very fond of these plaintive tiny monkeys and marmosets with their timid little ways, and it is a pity that they are as delicate as they generally are.

## THE ACTOR.

"The Crusaders" has unquestionably rallied from the blow dealt to it by the first night audience. I was present at the first matinee of the piece, and found the public delighted with it and applauding it mightily. This, of course, does not make it necessarily a good play, but it shows that the work has the power to interest and to amuse. Its weakness lies in the fact that the subsidiary portions are over-prominent; but, if audiences are "held" by those passages, what is to be said? The author has a popular success.

Miss Mand Millett, who follows Miss Winifred Emery as the heroine of "The Crusaders," proves an excellent substitute for her predecessor. She is very winsome and winning, and has more capacity for the emotional than is generally supposed. It will be remembered that she enacted one of Mr. Jones' sentimental heroines at the Shaftesbury Theatre under Mr. Willard's régime. Now that reminds me that a comedietta by Mrs. Willard precedes "The Crusaders" nightly. May we not assume from that, as regards Mr. Willard and Mr. Jones, the hatchet is buried?

One cannot help wishing that M. Messager's "Fauvette" had been presented to London audiences by a company somewhat stronger than that which has been occupying the stage of the Royalty these last few nights. The music is undeniably agreeable and the libretto is not at all bad, barring the "cheats." Moreover, there are at least two members of the troupe who, I think, will go far in the future—Miss Helle Harcourt, who is a sprightly young artist; and Mr. W. H. Rawlins, who has shown himself a comedian of considerable individuality.

The performance of Mrs. Beringer's "Bees" at the Novelty on Tuesday was, I believe, solely for purpose of "copyright," and was given practically "in camera" as the phrase goes. Miss Genevieve Ward and Mr. W. H. Vernon, I hear, ran through the parts in which they are to appear eventually; but the representation in no way calls for criticism. It is an absurd thing that such perfumy performances should be rendered necessary by the state of the law.

I was not able to attend the recital of "Measure for Measure" given at the Lady-Hall on Wednesday, but I am told that the rôle of Isabella was played intelligently, though not much was to be said for the remainder of the cast, which, I presume, was amateur in complexion. The subject of the play is unpleasant; otherwise, for the sake of certain scenes in the work, one would like to see it produced again upon the boards.

A little bird tells me that when "The French Girl" is brought out at the Prince of Wales', in front of "Miss Decima," much fun will be made out of the counterfeit presentation of the staircase which figures in the third act of "The Dancing Girl." The Misses Linden have retired, unfortunately, from the cast of the burlesque, but Miss Laura Linden's place will be taken by Miss Ellis Jeffreys, of the Lyric, who, I hear, is likely to be very good in the part.

The last performance of "La Cigale" may be looked for on the 17th of December, and before the end of that month the new Gilbert-Cellier opera will be staged at the Lyric. Mr. Gilbert is actively engaged in the rehearsals, taking many of the actors separately, and running over their roles with them. Miss Ulmar, as heroine, will have for her vis-à-vis Mr. Jack Robertson, formerly of the Savoy, and will be supported by Miss Jenour as seconds donna. Mr. Cecil Burt will have a small tenor part. In comedians, as before announced, the opera will be strong.

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Vaudville and the Adelphi, and went out to the States to play lead with Madame Modjeska, has been very kindly received out there both by press and public. He is a manly and sincere actor, and the practice he is getting in the "legitimate" should be of great artistic and professional service to him. There is, I hear, some probability that Madame Modjeska may play in England some time next year.

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## GENERAL CHATTER.

The London General Omnibus Company seems resolved to make itself unpopular with all orders and conditions of men. Not content with generating discontent among its employees—as loyal a body of men as any employer could desire—the company now treads on the corns of its regular passengers in most tyrannical fashion. On going to the place where, for many years, I have been accustomed to catch an early bus, I was informed that the times had been altered, and that it would not start for some twenty minutes. No notice of this change had been given; the company's customers were left to find it out at the last minute. So hot is their anger that a pirate "bus will probably be engaged to fill the void."

Railway companies always give due notice of any alterations of their time tables; why should bus companies consider themselves free from that obligation? But it is only the London General I believe, that behaves in this unscrupulous way; the manager and directors of the Road Car Company are more keenly alive to their own interest than to give umbrage to their best customers. No wonder that the dividends of the London General are growing small by degrees and beautifully less; they will soon reach the vanishing point unless a wise policy operates at headquarters.

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## THE THEATRES.

## SADLER'S WELLS.

Palmy days may yet return to this theatre, which since its foundation has experienced such varied fortunes; indeed, there may be said to be signs of their approach, for once "Miles' Musick House" has been requisitioned for variety entertainments. On Monday last Messrs. Wilmet and Freeman ventured their new policy, and we sincerely hope that their hopes of ultimately popularising this theatre will be realised, especially when it is said that the entertainment is of a kind that appeals for the support of those who affect the variety staple. Previous to the rise of the curtain, Mr. W. Meadows conducts his orchestral followers through an appropriate and well-executed overture. This is followed by serio-comic verses delivered by Miss Christie Milton, a dainty serio-comic character song by Mr. Leslie Reed; and the comic effusions of Mr. Charles Chaplin. The dramatic fare consists of Mr. H. D. Burton's capital sketch, entitled "The Burglar," a feature we have often had occasion to praise in these columns. Miss Teazey and O'Gorman have been highly appreciated, for their long-winded yarns and laughable scallies are just the thing to put before music hall audiences. Mr. Fred Williams has scored an unenviable triumph with his burlesque sketch, "The Drudge," receiving unfeigned support from his co-operators. Miss Lizzie St. Quintin possesses a fine voice, and her vocalism has been much relished; as have also the indescribable antics put up by Messrs. Fredericks and Drew. Miss Jessie Bonhill's male impersonations have been well received, probably because the satire expressed in her verse is of a kind that never wounds; and Mr. Arthur Forrest, who impersonates a song-and-dance lady, is probably applauded for a similar reason. In addition to the above, there is to be mentioned Mr. Sam Redfern, whose contributions considerably enhance the entertainment; the Brothers James, acrobatic marvels; and others. The business arrangements are in the hands of Mr. L. A. Somers, and to Mr. O. Brand is apportioned the post of acting-manager.

## MIDDLESEX.

Although the Middlesex is just now in the throes of the builders, it is still a comfortable place, and Mr. Dan Leno may have been correct when he said that Mr. Greedon's hall would be even more so with the addition of a "few more poles." The entertainment is an unusually strong one, and cannot be said to lack either variety, originality, or humour. Mr. Dan Leno is, of course, cordially welcomed at the hall in which he made his first London success. His latest specialty, descriptive of the detective cameras, is uncommonly good and mouth-provoking, and will surely please the admirers of the accomplished farceur. Mr. G. M. Chingwin, more popular known as the White-voiced Musical Kalm, is also well received, his entertainment being commendable both for the comic and musical gifts possessed by the performer, and also for the finished method in which it is conducted. There are several excellent serio-comic turns, of which dancing forms an important feature, and which serve for the introduction of such popular artists as Miss Frances Coventry, the Sisters Casselli, Miss Florry Burrias, the Sisters Lazarus, and others. The Durhams vouchsafe a novel and pleasing variety act; the Harrisons proclaim themselves proficient acrobats; and a comedy sketch of domestic interest is well played by Mr. Alf George and Miss Ruby Lee. Messrs. Lombardo and Jeffe indulge in excellent fooling and render a good account of themselves as instrumentalists. An entertainment that has many claims for praise is tendered by Mr. Edward Clark and Miss Alice Conroy; whilst Mr. Arthur Corney is very happy in his choice of songs, which are generally full of boisterous humour.

## STRATFORD.

Mr. Frederick's theatre of the High-street, Stratford, has been well attended this week, an excellent entertainment being presented by Mr. M. Powell's dramatic company, to whom must be accredited the histrio honours in connection with the success of the well-known drama, "Day to Day." New scenery was provided for this revival by Messrs. Wood and Kirkland, and we regret being unable to give particulars of the cast, as the piece will have been withdrawn by the time this notice appears, in accordance with the "change every week" policy adopted by Mr. Fredericks, and by means of which it is possible in a residential neighbourhood to cater for so many tastes. Mr. Charles Bennett is to be complimented for the mounting and staging of the various acts, and he has arranged for special scenic effects in connection with the production for the ensuing week. "Hands Across the Sea."

If the stage signs of the times as indicated by rehearsals go for anything, the great event before the close of the year will be Mr. Tree's revival of "Hamlet"—or should we not rather say, Mr. Tree's Hamlet in the revival.—After that, the new year will be crowned historically by the production by Mr. Irving of "Henry VIII." at the Lyceum.—Among the few current theatrical arts, the most interesting to playgoers is the title to be given, if the latest report may be believed, to the new musical comedy by Messrs. Gilbert and Cawley, forthcoming in due course at the Lyric, "Topsy-turvy," a good title, and one, moreover, fitted to the ironic nature of his genius to all the plays of the author of "Bab Ballads."

—Mr. Charles Cartwright and Miss Olga Nethersole have just returned from their professional tour in Australia.—Various rumours are rife as to Mrs. Wood's next production at the Court. The latest is to the effect that the novelty will be either an adaptation by Mr. C. Horner of "La Ariane," or a new play by Mrs. Hodgson Burnett.

—A posse of theatrical leaders, both actors and managers, are named as probable candidates for the new London County Council. The list includes Sir A. Harris, Messrs. H. Sedgwick, C. Wilmet, G. Conquest, E. Terry, H. A. Freeman, and J. L. Graydon.—On the 20th inst. Mr. Charles Wyndham will have his own again as "King of Criterion," where he will appear in "Brighton," a farcical comedy in which our most mercurial comedian is seen at his best. To make way for this, "Miss Decima" will move on the same evening a few doors off to the Prince of Wales', where the lively little prude will be seen preceding the new travesty entitled "The French Girl." The leading members of the company to appear in this burlesque have lately been seen assembled in the stalls of the Haymarket with the avowed object of studying from the life the personal peculiarities of Messrs. Tree, Fernandez, Miss Neilson and Miss Norrys, whose serious moods are to be turned into fun by their imitators' mimetic humours. Miss Laura Linden's breakdown in health will unfortunately prevent her inclusion in the cast.—Mr. Irving and Miss Ellen Terry have again been busy at Edinburgh in assisting at the bazaar in aid of the police fund and the Society for the Protection of Children, opened by the Duchess of Buccleuch. No less a sum than £10,000 has been realised by this charitable endeavour.—While "Brighton" is still renewing its popularity at the Criterion, Mr. Wyndham will prepare a new play in which he will himself appear.

On the 7th December, a new ballet is to be brought out at the Alhambra, and at Christmas Paul Martelli will appear there in pantomime.—At the Empire also will be produced for the Yuletide holidays a new ballet, to take the place of "Orfeo & Harvey, St. French polka, was inflicted for the wilful murder of his wife, Elizabeth Mr. F. Fulton and Mr. H. Avery prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury. Mr. Birrell, at the request of the learned judge, directed—Counsel, in opening the case on the part of the prosecution, said that the accused had married some three years, his wife being 22 years of age. Their marriage life, however, had been an exceedingly unhappy one, and being given to drink, and, as a natural consequence, frequent quarrels took place between them. On the 1st of October they were residing at 34 St. John's-square, Hackney, where they occupied two rooms. On October 3rd, there had been some violent alteration between the husband and deceased in the kitchen, and on that occasion the prisoner was heard to use a very offensive expression towards his wife and to threaten to kill her. On the 3rd Harvey returned home, the worse for liquor. His wife was out at the time, but later came in, also the worse for liquor. Another quarrel occurred, and an effort was made by the woman to prevent her husband leaving the room. She seized him by the scowl, but he pulled a knife from his pocket, cut the scarf through, and rushed from the house. The following morning he returned, and directly afterwards the landlord's attention was attracted by the sounds of a scuffle in the front room, and also by screams from the unfortunate woman. The landlord rushed upstairs, and met the prisoner coming down. He said, "I have done it; I have stabbed her." The landlord said, "You silly man, why did you do it?" Harvey said, "I did it to protect myself." The unfortunate woman was found, dressed only in her chemise, bleeding freely from a wound in the left breast. She said, "Look what he has done; he has stabbed me." Prisoner handed a knife to his landlord, remarking, "I give myself into your custody." The police were sent for, and the accused was taken into custody. Shortly before her death the woman made a statement, which was as follows:—"I got out of bed to come in here. He (prisoner) threatened me with the room. He (prisoner) threatened me with a knife three times whilst I was in bed. When I came in here to the children, he came straight up to me and stabbed me in the breast." Mr. Birrell, for the defence, argued that the relations which had existed between the prisoner and his wife were of such a character as would justify the jury in finding a verdict of manslaughter.—In consequence, witness said he thought that the dye from a black sock might produce the inflammation, but that that was a greenish-coloured sock. He was aware that Lord Rochester had suffered from wearing slightly-coloured hose.—Mr. Fred. Davis, analytical and scientific chemist, stated that as she was returning across Durham Down on the previous evening, after leaving school, she was stopped by the defendant, who put his arms round her waist and kissed her. She broke away and met her father, who demanded his name and address, but, under the plea that his character was at stake, he refused to tell a policeman arrived.—The defence was that the prosecutor was mistaken.—The defendant was fined 45 and costs.

**KISSING A PUPIL, TEACHER.**

Frank Alexander Burdett, a genteel-looking young man, was at the Bristol Police Court charged with assaulting Emily Price, a pupil teacher, aged 15.—She stated that as she was returning across Durham Down on the previous evening, after leaving school, she was stopped by the defendant, who put his arms round her waist and kissed her.

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**CLERGYMAN'S SUICIDE.**

An inquest was held at Matlock as to the death of the Rev. Charles Thornton Forster, clergyman of Hinckton, Cambridgeshire. The evidence of his wife showed that he suffered from insomnia and depression. On Sunday morning, whilst staying at Matlock, the reverend man left his bed-room, ostensibly to take a walk. He was afterwards seen by an attendant to fall from an upper staircase in the hydrostatic establishment in which he was staying. He fell to the floor, 40ft., upon his head, and death resulted at once from fracture of the skull.—The jury found that he had committed suicide whilst temporarily insane.—He leaves a family of six children.

**A ROMANTIC STORY.**

At the Court House, Wood Green, three ladies, named James Culliford, 15, an errand boy; James Dovey, 13, schoolboy; and James Bates, 16, a clerk, all residents of the neighbourhood of Wood Green, were charged, before Mr. V. E. Walker, with breaking and entering 4, Florence-terrace, Mariborough-road, Bowes Park, on the 13th inst., and stealing therefrom several bottles of beer, some bread, cheese, a knife, and other articles.—The evidence showed that the prisoner Charles Culliford, who was aware that the occupants were away, effected an entrance through a small window at the rear of the house, and afterwards opened the door, and admitted the others. An attempt was then made to visit the various rooms, but, the doors being securely fastened, it failed. They then collected the articles mentioned in the charge-sheet, and conveyed them to an outhouse at Bowes Manor, the residence of the late Alderman Sidney, where they had been living in the most romantic fashion. The place in question is a building originally used as an ice-house, the floor being about 4ft. from the level of the ground. In this place the police found a large fire burning and a quantity of potatoe beans baking. There was a kettle, teapot, cups and saucers, knives, forks, and a variety of other articles. The prisoners had, according to their own admission, slept on the floor at night, prepared their own meals during the day, and lived altogether like young outlaws.—The prisoners, who admitted drinking the beer and selling the bottles, were remanded.

**AN ELECTION TRAGEDY.**

Patrick Condon, a young man, has been remanded at Cork, on a charge of having killed an old man named Patrick Lehane.

Both are residents in Widderlings-lane, of Pope's Quay, and they took opposite sides in the political contest, Condon being a Parnellite and Lehane, an anti-Parnellite. An alteration arose between them in the lane on the evening of the 6th inst. They closed together, and it is stated that Condon had a lad named Wise when the occurrence happened. After his companions had walked on he heard a groan, and then saw Wise laughing. Wise refused to say where the deceased was, but continued laughing, and treated the disappearance as a joke. To an inquiry by one of the officers of the ship, Wise replied, "Yes, I did push Condon over the cliff. I have no bad feeling against him, but I did it to get hung." When informed what his punishment would be, Wise replied, "I know all about that. I did it to get out of the Navy." Benjamin Stuckley, petty officer, said to Wise, "This is a very mean chance against you," and he replied, "It is right enough. I tried to settle one on the leave, but I have now succeeded." When Wise was spoken to on his mental state, he said he had been from fits of frenzy.—Lieutenant A. Mills, of the Boscawen, said he questioned Wise about the alleged murder. He said that he and the deceased were not at the request of a priest, he got up from his sick bed and walked to the booth in Blarney-street to record his vote. On returning home he became very ill and went to bed, which he never left, and ultimately died. He was buried before the police had time to interfere.

**REMARKABLE RESCUE IN MID-ATLANTIC.**

Intelligence received from the Canary Islands announces the loss of a British vessel and the whole of her crew except one man.

The Spanish sailing ship Fama, which has arrived at Santa Cruz de la Palma, after encountering a fearful storm on her passage from America, reports having picked up during the voyage an Englishman who was found in mid-ocean clinging to a small piece of wreckage. The man proved to be the captain of an English vessel, the crew of which, believing it to be on the point of sinking, had attempted to take to their boats. Owing, however, to the heavy sea running all were immediately drowned. The captain himself, who had refused to leave his ship, remained on board alone, and when the vessel eventually foundered he managed to seize the piece of timber to which he was clinging when rescued. He had been in the water for twelve hours battling with the violence of the waves.

**HAVE YOU PAID?**

From Gravel Lumber, Pine Pines in the Bush, Drywood and Water Complaints, Diseases of the Skin, Urticaria, Organ Complaints, first-aid treatment, and various other diseases in MILDSTONES, GRAVEL PILLS. Try a small box, and if not satisfied you may be certain to find a better in Mr. C. W. May's Medical Store, 10, Cheapside, London, E.C. Don't be put off. If you can't get these write to the Proprietor, and a box will be sent next post.—(Adv.)

## THE HACKNEY TRAGEDY.

VENUS OF MAMMOTH.

At the Central Criminal Court, Frederick Harvey, St. French police, was indicted for the wilful murder of his wife, Elizabeth

Mr. F. Fulton and Mr. H. Avery prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury. Mr. Birrell, at the request of the learned judge, directed—

"Light Ahead," a new drama by Mr. H. Leonard, will be produced at the Surrey on Monday.—Mr. E. V. Page, the acting-

manager of the Cambridge, announces that his annual benefit will take place on Thursday, December 3rd. This is one of the most popular functions of the two "benefit months," November and December.—

"Carries up to Date," will be played at the Standard next week by Mr. Van Buren's com-

pany, who will give an afternoon performance on Thursday.—A complimentary benefit concert to Mr. J. A. Cave has been arranged for Monday next at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, under the patronage of Mr. H. Maple, M.P., Mr. G. B. Sims, Mr. H. Irving, and Miss S. Lane.—On Monday

"The Bookmaker" will be revived at the Parkhurst Theatre, supported by Mr. A. Williams and company.—The Drury Lane draue, "A Million of Money," will be revived under the direction of Mr. G. H. C. Cavell on Monday.—In consequence of the run of "Human Nature," at the Britannia, it is to be prolonged for five nights longer. Mr. J. H. Clydes commis-

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## TRAGEDY IN GLASCOW.

Early the other morning Catherine Brown (or Marshall), aged 43, wife of a coach painter, living at Auburn-place, Park Head, near Glasgow, was shot dead by Joseph Kitchen, aged 23, a railway fireman, also living in Auburn-place. It appears that Mrs. Marshall was standing in the Old Edinburgh-road, speaking to a labourer named William Geddes, when Kitchen came up and asked a man named Docherty. She replied, civilly, "I don't know," and then began to sing. Kitchen joining in the chorus. Suddenly, however, he produced a revolver from his breast pocket, and fired straight into the woman's face. The bullet entered her skull below the left eye, killing her on the spot. As the man Kitchen pulled the trigger he shouted, "That is who you are," and then made off, but was soon apprehended. No reason is assigned for the dreadful deed, but both Kitchen and the deceased appeared to have been drinking. Kitchen had been brought before the magistrate and remanded the explanation of prisoner's remark, "That is who you are." The woman was found to be the song "Who will hold the horses; who, who, who."

**SHIPWRECKED AMONG INDIANS.**

The barque Sarah, belonging to the Atkinson Company, of Liverpool, has been wrecked at Pachena Point. A lifeboat, containing nine of the crew, Mrs. Greenleaf, the captain's wife, and M'Curdy, the mate, left Pachena Point on Sunday and rowed to Carmania (B.C.), a distance of twenty-six miles. The sea was very rough, and the party suffered greatly from cold and exposure. They sighted the Carmania light early the following morning, mistaking it for the Cape Flattery light, as the former is not on the chart. A towering breaker caught the boat and rolled it on the beach. Mrs. Greenleaf being dragged above the water line by a sailor. She was unconscious, but recovered, and her baby was also rescued. The captain and the rest of the crew remained by the wreck. Upon reaching shore they found themselves surrounded by Indians, who stole everything they had saved. A sailor, who went to sleep on top of five blankets, awoke with only one. There were about 300 Indians in the vicinity, and when they obtained possession of 900 gallons of whisky from cold and exposure. They sighted the Carmania light early the following morning, mistaking it for the Cape Flattery light, as the former is not on the chart. A towering breaker caught the boat and rolled it on the beach. Mrs. Greenleaf being dragged above the water line by a sailor. She was unconscious, but recovered, and her baby was also rescued. The captain and the rest of the crew remained by the wreck. Upon reaching shore they found themselves surrounded by Indians, who stole everything they had saved. A sailor, who went to sleep on top of five blankets, awoke with only one. There were about 300 Indians in the vicinity, and when they obtained possession of 900 gallons of whisky from

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**POACHING AFFRAY IN WALES.**

Robert Roberts, farmer, was charged on suspicion, before the Denbighshire justices, with being concerned in a murderous assault upon John Jones, gamekeeper, at Llanfeydd. Jones was engaged watching in a wood, where he heard gunshots, and, proceeding in the direction of the sounds, he was met by one of the gang of poachers, who deliberately aimed a bullet at him. The charge passed over, with the exception of some shots which he had fired at the keeper. The keeper was a wild orgie ensued. Trouble is expected among them, and the steamer Mersey has gone to rescue the captain and the crew.

**EXTRAORDINARY MURDER BY A SAILOR BOY.**

Sir Richard Howard held an inquest on the body of Lawrence Salter, of the Moscow, who it is alleged, was pushed over a cliff at Portland.—William Stone, who recovered the lad's body, said the distance from the top of the cliff was over 200ft. Deceased was completely dazed when he found him, and complained of injuries. He was then conveyed to the prison infirmary.—Wm. Groom, another foreman, said he had been living in the most romantic fashion. The place in question is a building originally used as an ice-house, the floor being about 4ft. from the level of the ground. In this place the police found a large fire burning and a quantity of potatoe beans baking. There was a kettle, teapot, cups and saucers, knives, forks, and a variety of other articles. The prisoners had, according to their own admission, slept on the floor at night, prepared their own meals during the day, and lived altogether like young outlaws.—The prisoners, who admitted drinking the beer and selling the bottles, were remanded.

**CHILD MUTILATION IN WESTMINSTER.**

A young stableman, named Richard Ben-

nett, living in Romsey-street, Westminster, was charged at the Westminster Police Court on Thursday, with being concerned with a young woman,

named Maria Tickridge, in custody, but at present too ill to be brought to the court with concealing the birth of her female child at St. Coburg-row, Westminster, where she is employed as housekeeper, and with assisting him to unlawfully and secretly dispose of the mutilated body in the front garden of that address.—Det.-sergt. Wildcock said that about

11 o'clock on the previous night, from information obtained, he proceeded with Insp. Watson to St. Coburg-row, and saw the female prisoner. She was told that a plumber who had that evening found a baby's body in the drain connected with a lavatory had given it to her at her request, and that it had afterwards been buried in the front garden. She therefore made a statement which induced witness to dig at a spot in the garden where the mound had recently been disturbed. About six inches below the surface he discovered the body of a fully developed child, cut into three pieces and wrapped in a newspaper. The remains were placed in a basket and taken to the mortuary to await an inquest, and the young woman, who admitted she gave birth to the child on Monday night, was detained in custody, although sent to the infirmary. Before she was removed thither the prisoner Bennett was brought to the station, and confronting the prisoner, witness said to the girl, "Is this your young man who you said was the father of your child, and who helped you to bury it in the front garden this evening?" Tickridge replied, "Yes," and the plumber, who was also there, said "That was the man who was present when I gave the body of the child to the young woman who you said was the father of your child, and who helped you to bury it in the front garden this evening?" Tickridge replied, "Yes," and the plumber, who was also there, said "That was the man who was present when I gave the body of the child to the young woman who you said was the father of your child, and who helped you to bury it in the front garden this evening?" Tickridge replied, "Yes," and the plumber, who was also there, said "That was the man who was present when I gave the body of the child to the young woman who you said was the father of your child, and who helped you to bury it in the front garden this evening?" Tickridge replied, "Yes," and the plumber, who was also there, said "That was the man who was present when I gave the body of the child to the young woman who you said was the father of your child, and who helped you to bury it in the front garden this evening?" Tickridge replied, "Yes," and the plumber, who was also there, said "That was the man who was present when I gave the body of the child to the young woman who you said was the father of your child, and who helped you to bury it in the front garden this evening?" Tickridge replied, "Yes," and the plumber, who was also there, said "That was the man who was present when I gave the body of the child to the young woman who you said was the father of your child, and who helped you to bury it in the front garden this evening?" Tickridge replied, "Yes," and the plumber, who





**IMPORTANT BETTING CASE.** In the Queen's Bench Division, the case of Wilkinson v. Taylor came before Mr. Justice Deasman and a special jury. Samuel Wilkinson, described as of Wyth Wood House, Alvechurch, Worcestershire, and of Cockspur-street, London, commission agent, sued R. Gordon Taylor, of Petersham, Surrey, to recover £475, alleged to be monies paid by the plaintiff for the defendant and at his request. The defendant was a denial that the plaintiff expended the money at the defendant's request or at all; and whilst not pleading that they were betting transactions, his case was that there was no question of commission.—Mr. W. A. Toole, of the Haymarket, the first witness called, admitted, in cross-examination, that he never paid any commission to the plaintiff and was never charged any.—Mr. Justice Deasman pointed out that in several cases the particular sum "laid off" were entered as with the plaintiff himself.—Mr. Lockwood, who appeared for the plaintiff, said he would abandon those cases, and eleven items were therefore struck out.—Edward Walton, the next witness, said he was a clerk to Wilkinson and Co., of Cockspur-street. His acquaintance with the defendant was made when the young gentleman came to get Mr. Wilkinson to arbitrate in a betting dispute which the defendant had with somebody else. When the defendant came to the witness to get his

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the witness agreed not to charge him commission provided he paid his accounts regularly and introduced business. The witness was then examined as to the details of bets placed by the defendant, some of which the witness said he had transferred to other persons. All the instructions were carried out according to the wishes of Taylor. He sent in an account for £475 odd. The accounts showed that Taylor had won £449 and lost £22, leaving a balance of £476.—Cross-examined by Mr. Candy, Q.C., the witness said he had considerable experience in this particular calling.—Mr. Candy: With all your experience is this calling one you tell his lordship the difference between a commission agent and a bookmaker?—The Witness: We get 5 per cent. commission on what business we do, and the bookmakers will lay bets himself and keep them on his own book. I put this money on with other people. It was arranged that no commission should be charged if Taylor brought them business. He had not brought them any business. It was the fact that sometimes bets were laid after the race had commenced according to the tape. He would not accept a large amount under those circumstances.—Mr. Candy: Because you would not have time to lay off? Yes.—Mr. Samuel Wilkinson, the plaintiff, said he was a member of Tattersalls, and he had the honour to be on the committee of Newmarket. This committee consisted of nine persons, three of whom were nominated by

**THE JOCKEY CLUB**

and the rest were elected by the members of the Subscription-room. The committee had to adjudicate on all matters which affected betting. His share of business when at race meetings was to receive telegrams for Mr. Walton, and to receive to make bets. In this way he made, in connection with the defendant's business, very little, and he afterwards settled them. He had not given Mr. Walton any authority to make bets. He was only to take commissions to make bets for customers. He believed that in most cases Mr. Walton charged the 5 per cent. commission on what business he did, but he also understood that the defendant was not to pay commission on winnings.—In cross-examination, the plaintiff said he should describe himself as a commission agent, or one who had given to him a sum of money to place on a horse on behalf of and on account of the gentleman giving him the money.—Mr. Justice Deasman: Not always necessarily a "gentleman."—Witness: Not always. (A laugh.) A commission agent usually charged 5 per cent. upon the winnings only. A bookmaker was one who at once made a definite bet; that was, he betted as absolutely definite bet between the two persons themselves without reference to any third person. "Laying off" was in fact "hedging." There were cases where he had laid definite bets for his customers without his having "laid off" at all. This was not the exception; he should say that it was the rule. He could not say whether some of the bets made in his office would be made when the race had been actually started. Such bets would undoubtedly be between principal and principal. Such bets would be probably entered on their forms.

**PLEASE INVESTIGATE ME.**

but he was not in London to see. When he sent in his account to the defendant he made no charge for commission. He understood that the defendant had made an arrangement with Mr. Walton that his business should be done without the payment of any commission. But for this arrangement, there would have been a charge of 5 per cent. commission upon the winnings. The action was brought to recover the balance of the bets due from the defendant; but all that he wished now to recover was money which he had paid on behalf of the defendant. The witness, in continuation, was examined at length as to his books and as to the way in which it appeared from them that the business had been conducted. He admitted that it would be now impossible to identify each particular part of bets which had been made on behalf of the defendant.—Mr. Justice Deasman thought that the evidence for the defendant had established the fact that there was a very great difference between the claim in the bill as originally sent in and the claim that was in the particulars.—Mr. Candy: Can you ear-mark any money "invested" for the defendant, and paid to the person with whom you invested it?—Witness: Yes, the whole of the balance. On the 22nd November there were bets in which Mr. Taylor's name was mentioned. This was the only case in which he received information from Mr. Walton that he was to invest a given sum for the defendant.—Mr. Edward Stebbing said that he was a tailor, and had been at the office in Cockspur-street on several occasions when Mr. Taylor (the defendant) was there. He remembered being there on one occasion when Mr. Taylor was present. Mr. Walton was speaking of Mr. Taylor's losses, and was dissuading him from betting so heavily. Mr. Taylor said that he had won £600 upon the Stock Exchange, and he was going to give betting a chance. Witness conversed with Mr. Taylor on various occasions; they condoned with each other when they lost, and

THEY HAD A DRINK  
when they had won. (Laughter.) Mr. Taylor told witness on one occasion when they had a drink that he had won this money on the Stock Exchange, and that he was going to give betting a chance. On the 22nd of November, 1890, he saw Mr. Taylor at the office. He spoke to Mr. Walton about backing Warlaby, and they telephoned to various offices. It looked like a "pinch," and that he was "going for" all his losses.—Cross-examined: Explain that? It looked a "moral," a "certainty," and that comes off about once every four times. His business was betting on horses.—You said that you were a tailor? He had given up tailoring long ago, but he might have to go back to it. He should not call himself a commission agent, though he occasionally betted for other people as well as himself.—This concluded the evidence for the plaintiff.—Mr. Candy asked whether his lordship thought that there was any evidence to show

that the plaintiff received instructions from the defendant to place bets for him with other persons so that the plaintiff should himself become personally liable to pay those bets.—Mr. Justice Deasman thought that the question was one for the jury, though they might, if they thought fit, say that the whole thing was a jumble.—Mr. Candy then opened the case for the defence, and argued that it was evident from the plaintiff's books and papers that the original intention of the plaintiff was to claim from the defendant the amount of the bets which had been made between them. It was not, he suggested, until the plaintiff had taken advice, and had found out that he was not entitled by law to recover the amount of any bet which he had made with the defendant, that he altered the form of his claim, and then set up that he had acted simply in the character of a commission agent for the defendant, and had had to pay to third persons the amount of the bets which he had made with them on behalf of the defendant.

**SUMMING UP AND VERDICT.**  
Justice Deasman, in summing up, said that the action was originally brought to recover £475, but it was now admitted that the plaintiff could not recover the whole of this amount, and the question which the jury would have to determine was whether the plaintiff had made out to their satisfaction that any of the bets had been made by the plaintiff as agent for and on behalf of the defendant, and had afterwards been paid by the plaintiff for the defendant. According to the decision of the Court of Appeal, the plaintiff could in that case, and in that case only, recover the money, not as bets, but as having been paid by him on behalf of the defendant.—The jury, having considered the matter for an hour and a quarter, gave a verdict for the plaintiff for £40, saying that in the Warlaby case there was direct evidence to prove the plaintiff's case, but that there was no direct evidence that in the other cases the plaintiff acted as agent.

**MALICE AND INGRATITUDE.**  
Stephen F. Brown, a young man who entered the court on scratches, was charged at the Old Bailey with killing Mr. H. Standing, publisher of the *India Rubber, Paving, &c.*—Mr. C. F. Gill prosecuted.—The prosecutor in the case had behaved extremely well to the prisoner, and appeared to have taken him into his employment upon the recommendation of his brother, a doctor at King's College Hospital. The prisoner at the time was an in-patient of that institution, and was recovering from an operation which had involved the amputation of his leg. After a short time the prisoner got the prison allowance of his mate at Scotland, for which he had an additional nominal salary and allowed him to live rent free. The prisoner seemed to have kept the room, and when threatened with a prosecution, he said he was only an agent, and could not be prosecuted, and that if the prosecutor took county court proceedings to recover the money he would expect him, adding, "And you know how much you have to lose." He also made various charges against the prosecutor for which there was no foundation.—The prisoner pleaded justification, but said that all the witnesses were hostile to him. The jury convicted the prisoner, and the record of the letters of the prisoner were most spirituous, and he appeared to rejoice in the fact that he might ruin the prosecutor socially and financially. That was his benevolent desire towards the prosecutor, who had shown him so much kindness, and who even now had no feeling against him. He was sentenced the prisoner to six months' imprisonment, and ordered him to find sureties not to repeat the offence.—The prisoner pleaded for a reduction of the sentence on account of his wife and children, and the prosecutor joining in the request, the sentence was reduced to four months' imprisonment.

**GRAND DUKE "SLUMMING."**  
The Grand Duke Vladimir, under the guidance of a police detective, is said to be a Paris correspondent, going round the slums of Paris, the balls at which mirth is often fast and furious, and the café chantants at which gross sensuality is gilded with wit and cleverness. He has been to the Moulin Rouge, where La Goulou and Grille d'Egypte perform their wild dances, to hear Bruant at the old Chat Noir, and to the new tavern of the same name where Joly sings his chansons and Lee Ombres Chinoises de Caran d'Ache are one of the attractions.

**A HORRIBLE EXHIBITION.**  
A few days ago in Sholavandan, a little village of South India, there was enacted (says a Madras correspondent) a scene which would naturally send a feeling of horror through the soul of any man. It is a ceremony to propitiate the Goddess of Evil, Destinies, and consists in the swinging aloft of a man by means of two iron hooks embedded in the muscles of his back. With no other support than this, he is swung, dangling at the end of a long pole, for over an hour. Years ago this ceremony was performed once a year, but as it was disdained by Lord Napier's Government in 1867, it was abandoned. It is, however, to be revived now, according to the statements of the managers of the festival, and the initial step has been taken by its celebration on the 21st of October. Public misfortune, small-pox, cattle disease, famine, brought to the minds of the people that a renewal of the hook-swinging was necessary, so men were selected from certain villages, and lots cast among them. One man being thus chosen, he was put into preparation for the ordeal through which he was to pass. On the day announced for the brutal exhibition a large number of people had gathered, and the victim was brought out. A curved knife was thrust through the muscles of the back on one side of the spinal column, and an iron hook followed in its path. This was repeated on the other side, and by the two hooks thus placed he was

**TIED TO THE END OF A POLE.**

This pole was about 50 ft. long, and at its middle point rested on the end of a stout beam, rising up from a "car." The beam itself on which the pole rested was about 20 ft. in height. As soon as the hooks were made fast to the end of the pole, the victim was slowly raised aloft till he was some 60 ft. from the ground. The car was then drawn about the streets amid the shouts, groans, and prayers of the people. An image of the offended goddess was carried along just behind the car, presumably that she might witness what was being done for her. After an hour and a quarter the car had returned to its starting place, the pole was lowered, and the victim was brought to the ground. The fearful strain on the hooks had caused them to partially tear their way out. But the strength of the muscles and skin may be appreciated from the fact that they were able to sustain, without complete laceration for this long period, the weight of a well-developed man. The ropes, the hooks, and the knife were given to the victim to be kept by him for three months, during which time he is at liberty to go among the people, and, showing them, receive gifts of money. After three months they will be kept in the temple. Government was apprised that this hook-swinging was to take place, and we petitioned to prevent it; but replied that, as it was voluntary suffering, it was not in its province to interfere.

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**AN INSANE MOTHER MURDER HER CHILDREN.**

A triple murder was committed the other morning at Titchfield Heath. A woman named Alice Hinton, about 45 years of age, the wife of a harness and collar maker, living in West-street, during the temporary absence of her husband, cut the throats of her own daughter Augusta, aged between 5 and 6 years, a child by a former marriage, and her two stepchildren, Frederick Hinton, aged 10, and William Hinton, aged 7. The woman, who was of intemperate habits, neglected the children, and it is said that sometimes their only food for the whole day was composed of bran. They had no more than one occasion been heard to cry for food, and the neighbours have relieved their necessities. The woman was summoned to appear at the police court at Fareham, to answer a charge of neglect preferred by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Mrs. Hinton, it is stated, was the worse for liquor on Sunday night, and was again drinking early on Monday morning. Her husband had not left ten minutes when screams were heard issuing from the house, the doors of which were fast closed. Mrs. Clark, a neighbour whose back yard adjoins that of the Hintons, immediately rushed across, burst open the back door, and as she did so Willie ran out, blood streaming from his face and covering his clothes. Mrs. Clark put a rug to his face to stop the bleeding and as she did so he sobbed pitifully. Brother and sister is in the house, cut. He was taken into a neighbour's house and laid on a pillow, but it was evident that his life was ebbing away. On entering the house it was found that the other children were quite dead, their throats having been cut in a fearful manner, and the head in each case being nearly severed from the body. The little girl was lying in one of the downstairs rooms and the eldest boy upstairs. Medical aid was at once summoned, but Willie died about noon. Mrs. Hinton, who had a wound in her throat, was removed in a cab to Fareham, in the custody of Supt. Brewer. The wounds were inflicted with an ordinary table-knife with a buckhorn handle, and there is doubt that it was sharpened for the purpose not long before the murder was committed. The prisoner was taken before the magistrates at Fareham in the afternoon, when a medical certificate that she was insane was produced, and an order was made for her removal to the county asylum at Knowle.

**THE INQUISITOR.**  
Mr. Goble, county coroner, opened an inquest on the bodies of Frederick John Hinton aged 11, William Charles Hinton, 9, and Augusta Hinton, 5, who were murdered at Titchfield by Alice Hinton, mother of the last-named.—The husband said the girl was the illegitimate child of his wife, to whom he was married four years ago. They lived happily, and he had had to knock her down to save his own life. She suspected him of being the cause of his being summoned for neglecting the boys three weeks ago, and threatened to stab him. She talked continually of having to go before the magistrates, both of them having been imprisoned at Chichester for a similar offence. She threatened she would be somewhere else on Monday, but witness thought she only meant to run away.—Evidence having been given as to the discovery of the crime, Supt. Brewer produced two letters in the handwriting of the woman, which were found on the premises. They were written in ink, and addressed one to "My dear John" and the other to "My dear husband." In both he upbraided him with having treated her badly. In one she said that although once his son, she had been ill-treated by him ever since their marriage, as his two previous wives were. She expressed her forgiveness, however, and added that she knew that she too was forgiven and would "leave it with the Lord." In the other letter appeared some rhyme to the effect that they must both part both here and hereafter, and she concluded by asking her husband to keep his promise that he would never marry another. This communication was signed "Your broken-hearted wife, ALICE HINTON."—Supt. Brewer stated that on the way to the police station she said, "I hope Jack will be happy now, as he told me that the sooner I and the children are out of the way the better he will be pleased. My dear children will be better off. God told me to do this, and I would not keep from doing it as God told me it was right."—A verdict of wilful murder was returned against the mother, and she was committed for trial on the coroner's warrant.

**PLAY AT MONTE CARLO.**

**THE RESULT OF MR. WELL'S SUCCESS.**  
The recent reports of enormous gains against the odds at Monte Carlo have produced the inevitable result of attracting to Monte Carlo swarms of visitors from every quarter of Europe, most of whom frequent the Casino with one dominant idea—that of "Breaking the bank." The absorbing topic of conversation from morning till night is still Mr. "Bonnie Chance" Wells and his system, which everybody agrees is simplicity itself and is bound to succeed. But (remarks Reuter's correspondent) every one does not possess the advantages enjoyed by Mr. Wells. Few gamblers have at their disposal the same amount of capital, and still fewer have his courage, perseverance, and cool self-restraint. The attempt to rival his exploits at roulette or trente et quarante, is, therefore, in ninety-nine cases out of 100 attended by disastrous consequences. To make a serious business of gambling by sitting at a table eight or ten hours a day, without food or drink, and without losing one's head, is not possible to the average man or woman. A good many hundreds have attempted the exploit within the last week or two, to the no small profit of the Casino shareholders.

**A HOLBORN BOOKMAKER'S DEATH.**  
At Holborn Town Hall, Dr. W. Wynn Westcott held an inquest on the body of William Tovey, aged 30, a bookmaker, lately residing at 38, Lamb's Conduit-street.—The evidence showed that the deceased had for five years been carrying on a bookmaking and betting business, in pursuance of which he transacted his affairs largely in the streets. He was thus much exposed to the weather, and on Thursday, the 5th inst., he became ill, and was obliged to take to his bed. He died on the 13th inst., and a post mortem examination revealed that his death was due to enlargement and softening of the spinal cord. It was stated that Tovey's brother was employed by him at a weekly wage, and that since the deceased's death the brother (so the widow said) had obtained from a bank £200 which belonged to the deceased. The money was handed to the brother by the solicitor of the bank. The coroner elicited that the money was got partly to pay alleged betting debts. The widow had not touched the money.—The coroner said that betting debts were not legally incurred, and after all legal claims on the estate of the deceased were satisfied, the widow was entitled to the balance of the £200. Without the widow's consent, he was not sure that the bank authorities had not acted wrongly in handing the money over to the brother.—The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Miller, the husband, who was not present during the inquest.

**YOUTHFUL HOUSEBREAKERS.**  
At the London Sessions, Ambrose Orbell, 18, and William Williams, 17, were indicted for having been found by night in possession of housebreaking implements. Mr. Blackwell prosecuted.—The prisoners, on the morning of the 24th of October, were seen by P.C. Yeo to try several doors in Warwick and Pembroke Gardens, and on being searched housebreaking implements were found upon them.—They were both convicted and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

**CHARGE OF BIGAMY.**

At North London Police Court, Louisa Stevens, of Andover-road, Holloway, was charged with feloniously marrying George Lester on October 24th, 1889, her first husband, John Stevens, being then alive.—The prosecutor said he was a polisher, and lived in Torbay-street, Kentish Town. In the middle of 1889 he had some work to do in a chandler's shop kept by the prisoner in Andover-road. On October 24th, 1889, he went through the form of marriage with her in the superintendent registrar's office at Highbury.—The prosecutor did not seem to recollect the date, and Mr. Hobbs (the clerk) asked if he were sober at the time. He replied that he was and had been a teetotaller for eleven years.—Prosecutor went on to say that he developed the business, and a few months ago a man entered the shop, claimed the prisoner as his wife, and said her children were his. She had some children at the time of the second marriage, but the witness understood that she was paid to look after them. The woman had instituted proceedings against her for a divorce. Mr. Skipper allowed his wife to remain with him at Cabul in 1878. The committee, the chief workers on which are the Duke of Abercorn, the Marquis of Waterford, the Marquess of Ormonde, the Earl of Listowel, Viscount Wellesley, and Lord Wantage, are now appealing for funds to erect a suitable national memorial of Lieut. Hamilton's brilliant career and the valour displayed by his comrades. Many will remember the striking group, by Mr. C. Birch, A.R.A., exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1889, now lent to the Museum of Science and Art, Dublin, representing the gallant young officer, with his sword in the right hand and his revolver in the left, striding over the body of a prostrate Afghan. This is considered by the committee to be such a fine work of art, a remarkable likeness, and excellent rendering of the tragic murder of the English embassy at Cabul, that it has been decided to commission the sculptor to carry out the work in bronze, and have it erected in Dublin, the cost being estimated at £2,000 guineas. The honorary subscribers for the United Kingdom are Captain Gordon Carter, 1st Life Guards, Hyde Park Barracks, S.W.; and Surgeon Webb, M.D., Bengal Army, 2, Proby-square, Blackrock, county Dublin, the secretaries for India being Major F. D. Battye and Captain M. C. Cooke Collis, Corps of Queen's Own Guides.

**WHALING IN THE SOUTHERN SEAS.**

**A FAIR FIELD FOR BRITISH ENTERPRISE.**  
Mr. David Gray, of Peterhead, has published, for private circulation, a report on new whaling grounds in the Southern Seas, a summary of which is published. The report originated in a proposal by Messrs. D. and J. Gray to some friends to establish a whale fishery in the Antarctic Seas. They remind their friends that, unlike the Arctic area, where land predominates, the South Polar area is characterized by the predominance of sea. They say.—"It is established beyond doubt that whales of a species similar to the right Greenland whale found in high northern latitudes exist in great numbers in the Antarctic Seas, and that the establishment of a whale fishery within that area would be attended with successful and profitable results. It is not without encouragement to those who may embark in the proposed adventure, that in the Antarctic regions the right whale exists in the greatest numbers near the margin of the ice. They infer from this that they can still be reached with less difficulty than if they had been already driven to seek shelter in the recesses of the Polar ice. The inclemency of the weather of the Antarctic regions has, Messrs. Gray think, been somewhat exaggerated. They have selected that region in the Antarctic area lying between the meridians of Greenwich and 90 degrees west as the locality in which the fishery they have projected might be prosecuted with the greatest advantage. It was explored by Captain Ross in his last voyage, and reported by him to be frequented by the right whale in great numbers. It is accessible from Great Britain by a direct route lying between the continents of America and Africa, not exceeding 7,200 miles in length, or a two months' passage, at an average speed of five knots per hour. They recommend that, in the event of vessels being fitted out to prosecute the fishery in the South Polar Seas, they should leave this country in August, and reach the whaling ground by the end of October, which would give at least four months—ample time for completing their cargoes—and enable them to reach Great Britain again in May, thus leaving from three to four months for discharging and refitting before sailing on a new voyage in August. The vessels most suitable for the undertaking should be of not less than 400 to 500 tons register, and should be propelled by auxiliary engines of 70 to 80 horse power nominal. If it should be asked why such favourable fishing grounds have been so long, and still continue, comparatively unfruitful, Messrs. Gray report as follows.—"In the year 1860 Mr. Enderby, of London, obtained from Government a grant of the Auckland Islands, situated to the southward of New Zealand, in order that they might serve for the location of an establishment for prosecuting the whale fishery, for which such a situation appears to be well adapted. From adverse circumstances it proved unsuccessful, and was abandoned after a single trial. The project was, however, recently revived in a practical form in Otago, and the proximity of the shores of New Zealand to the fishing ground offers advantages which it is hoped may lead to its success."

**LIVERPOOL WIFE MURDER.**

**A SHOCKING STORY.**  
Some shocking revelations were made at an inquest held before the Liverpool coroner on the body of Mary Jane Miller, 33, a married woman, who was murdered in her house up a court in Hardinge-street.—John Miller, 12, son of the deceased, said that when he returned from school on Friday afternoon he was called upstairs by his father. There was no light in the bedroom, but he could see that his mother was lying on straw on the floor, and that she was covered with a sack. It was too dark to see her face. His father, who was not sober, sent witness for a gill of ale, giving him 2d. Witness brought the beer, and his father, who was leaning against the chimney-piece (there was no furniture in the room), drank the beer and next sent witness to borrow a halfpenny to get more liquor, but he could not get one. His younger brother James was sent with witness to sell sticks. They started to chop the sticks in order to get the money, but they could not find the small cleaver, and James shouted upstairs, "Father, where is the little hatchet?" Their father said it was lost. With the money obtained by selling the chips, the father got more beer and told the children not to make a noise because they would wake their mother. About 9 o'clock witness and the other three children were put to bed, and his father lay on the straw beside the deceased. When witness awoke at half-past 7 o'clock next morning his father had gone, and he saw blood on his mother's face. He took the other children downstairs, and afterwards told some neighbours that his mother was dead, and that his father had killed her. Subsequently he admitted to his brother-in-law that he had killed the woman.—Sarah Miller, 16, years of age, daughter of the deceased, in reply to the coroner, said that the accused was a good father to his children. There could not be a

## LAST WEEK'S LAW AND POLICE.

### Probate and Divorce Division. (Before Mr. Justice Jeune.)

SINGULAR WILL CASE.

**ROGER V. ROOME.**—The further hearing of this part-heard probate suit was resumed.—The will in dispute was that of Mrs. Mortimer, made in 1889, which bequeathed her household property in Wells-street, Hackney, to the plaintiff, her eldest brother. The defendant, a younger brother, opposed probate of the will on the ground of the incapacity of the deceased at the time it was executed. Mr. Rufus Isaacs appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Bayford, Q.C., and Mr. Deane for the other side.—Mr. James Roome, the defendant, said that, as far as he knew, the deceased was kindly treated while she lived with the Jones's. He saw the deceased the day before she left Walthamstow, and on that occasion she asked him to come on the following morning to see her to the railway station, as she told him she had great difficulty in finding her way about. He thought deceased's mind was affected before she left Pilgrim Lodge. The deceased always treated him kindly. He had seen her twice since having forgotten the article she required.

In cross-examination, he said the deceased became senile in her dress. In 1889 she had been dressed in her head. Her dress was then dirty and ragged, but she was always tidy when she went out of doors. It was principally at Walthamstow that she was decomposed dirty and ragged.

He was a carpenter, and at that time he was working there. The age of the deceased was then 71. He had seen her go about with her slippers tied up with red flannel. He never heard her complain of unkindness while she lived with the Jones's, and he never asked her why she was going to leave them. When she left Walthamstow he told her she was going to her friends; but she said before he went to them she would go and see Tom (the plaintiff). Since then he had not seen much of the deceased. He saw her about three months prior to her death at his brother's house, when she appeared very ill and to be under restriction.—By Mr. Justice Jeune: When he saw deceased at Pilgrim Lodge she carried on a conversation for five or six hours in the ordinary manner.—Mrs. L. Manning, matron of Pilgrim Lodge, Hackney, said that deceased was an inmate of that institution until 1888. She recollects the deceased met with an accident in 1888. The doctor who attended her did not think much of the injury, but he thought it was great shock to her nervous system. After that she used to complain of her memory being defective. Prior to her leaving the lodge, Mrs. Mortimer used to complain of having various stolen; but that she (witness) considered it a mistaken idea.—Mr. Justice Jeune: A person might have many mistakes ideas without amounting to delusion.—In reply to further questions, the witness said prior to her leaving the lodge she complained of loss of memory and giddiness.—Other evidence as to the mental capacity of the deceased having been given, the counsel for the respective parties addressed the jury, who found for the plaintiff, and his lordship pronounced for the will of the 5th of April, 1889, with costs.

**Queen's Bench Division.  
(Before the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Wright.)**

**THREE SOLICITORS STRUCK OFF THE ROLLS.**

On the application of Mr. Hallams, for the Incorporated Law Society, the court made orders striking three solicitors off the rolls. The first case was that of Joseph Dawber, recently practising at Hall, who was convicted at York of the conversion of a security for £1,000, and was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. The second, that of Arthur Watling, recently practising in the City, who was convicted at the Central Criminal Court, on his own confession of forgery, and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment; and the third solicitor was Percy Lucas, lately practising at Fenchurch-street, the charge against whom was that he appropriated to his own use £1,639, received on account of the venerable Albert Eden Seymour, Arch-deacon of Barnstaple.

**Chancery Division.**

(Before Justice Kekewich.)

**PETITION TO WIND UP A COMPANY.**

In re "THE REVIEW" PUBLISHING COMPANY (LIMITED).—This was a petition presented by a shareholder for the winding-up of the above company, which was incorporated with a capital of £10,000, for the purpose of acquiring and publishing the Shareholders' Review.—The petitioner stated that the Review had been discontinued for some months, and it was now proposed to carry on a Theological Review. The petitioner had not paid certain calls on his shares, but offered to pay into court the sums due. As a condition of presenting the petition, he alleged that the original purpose of the company had gone.—His lordship said it appeared that the petitioner, if he had paid up his arrears, would be a fully-paid-up contributory. It was not alleged in the petition that there would be a surplus. There was no evidence on either side that if a winding-up order was made the petitioner would get any benefit. He therefore dismissed the petition, with costs.

**Bow-street.**

**CHASE AGAINST A SOLICITOR.**—John Algernon Latham, 29, described as a solicitor, 12, Great Castle-street, Regent-street, was charged on a warrant with obtaining, by means of false and fraudulent pretences, two sums of £50, with intent to cheat and defraud.

The allegations were that in the month of February, 1891, the defendant was in partnership with the prosecutor, Mr. John Verity Watson. In that month he represented that he had a personal friend named Clark, who was an actor and wanted to purchase some furniture. He asked that witness should find the money and let the furniture to Clark on a hiring agreement. This prosecutor agreed to, and the money was advanced under the circumstances detailed in evidence. It was alleged that Clark was a fictitious person, and that the prisoner who was a married man with three children, had adopted the name for the purpose of obtaining the money, and had induced a young girl of that name whom he visited, to write letters to the prosecutor. Mr. Watson deposed that he entered into partnership with the defendant in December last. Towards the end of February he represented to witness that he had a friend named John Clark, who was an actor, living in Torrington-place, who wanted an advance of £100 to enable him to purchase furniture. Witness agreed to find the money, and handed the defendant a cheque for £50. The defendant returned, and said he had bought the furniture, and had paid Clark £50, and subsequently said that some additional furniture had been bought, which had cost £50. An agreement was prepared by the defendant's instructions, and No. 5, Tavistock-place was given as the address of John Clark. The agreement was in the defendant's handwriting, and it was alleged by witness that the signature "John Clark" was also written by the prisoner in a disguised hand. Witness subsequently made inquiries at the address in Tavistock-place, and spoke to the defendant, but he could not discover Clark. Further inquiries showed that a person giving the name of Clark had lived at 7a, Torrington-place, but had moved to 7a, Princes-street. Witness went there, and tried on several occasions to see Clark, but without

success.—Mr. Clayton, the landlord of 5, Tavistock-place, said that he had let some rooms to the accused in the name of Clark, and had known him for some months by that name.—Miss Eliza Clark said that she had written letters to the defendant's instruction, and had signed them "C. Clark."—Mr. Levington remanded the defendant, but would accept two串 for his appearance.

**Guildhall.**

**A RAILWAY STATION TRIP.**—Marcus Morris was charged, on remand, before Sir J. Whitehead, with stealing a portmanteau, containing clothing to the value of £2, from the platform of Liverpool-street Railway Station.—Det. Berry deposed to seeing the defendant loitering about, and making several attempts to steal bags. Later in the day he was seen to take the portmanteau in question, and walk off with it. He was stopped and taken into custody. He gave an address in New Kent-road, and upon the police going there a number of pawnbrokers' duplicates and other portmanteaus were found. The duplicates all related to stolen property, and several persons identified it as their property, stolen from railway stations.—Two charges only were gone into against the accused, and Sir James sentenced him to six months' hard labour in each case.

**Westminster.**

**THE REVIEWS SHOW THE WADDESS.**—John Legg, 51, and James Legg, 24, brothers, described as furniture removers, were charged on warrants issued before Mr. Shell, of 22, Chadwick-street, Westminster.

The prosecutor, an elderly man, well known in Westminster, with a family by a first wife who died some eight months ago, Thursday married a woman fully twenty years his junior, and when the newly-married couple returned home to Chadwick-street they were met by two daughters of the first marriage, who assailed the bride in the most disgraceful manner, and assaulted her by striking her in the face with some toys. For this offence one of the young women was charged, and at her father's request she was severely bound over to keep the peace. This occurred on Friday morning, and on the return home of the bridegroom, his sons, the two prisoners, as he averred in his sworn information, broke open the door of his room, dragged him into the street, and pounced him about the body. He went back to the court for protection and was afraid to go home until the warrant was executed. The two young men were in custody all night, and the prosecutor now said he did not wish to be hard on them. They had robbed him, and they claimed his property, but if they would keep away from him and let him alone he would be satisfied.—Mr. Shell said he had nothing to do with the disputes as to property. Prisoners would each enter into recognisances to keep the peace.—Prosecutor paid the necessary fees for them, and they all left together.

**A SHOCKING CASE.**—James Bennett, a wretchedly dressed boy of 17, who was extremely ill indeed from consumption, was brought from the workhouse, on remand, for begging in Victoria-street, Westminster. On the afternoon of Saturday, the 7th inst., P.C. Hawker, 67 A.R., saw the boy near the Army and Navy Stores. His miserable appearance evoked much sympathy from ladies, and witness seeing him receiving money took him into custody. He had on him £s. 1d. He was dead, almost blind, and the doctor at the workhouse where he had been during the week said that if he went back to the streets the exposure would kill him in a very short time.—Mr. Shell asked where the parents of the boy lived.—The constable replied that they lived in William-street, Battersea. The father was a compositor, who did no work, though he spent money in drink, and the mother sent the boy out in the streets, as she said, to get money by selling newspapers, but as he said, by begging.—Coutzman, the chief constable of the Mendicity Society, said the couple had another boy in a school at the public expense, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children were investigating their treatment of the lad before the court.—Mr. Shell was glad to hear it, and sent the poor boy to the workhouse.

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**CHILDREN ON THE STAGE.**—A lady renewed her application to Mr. Haden Corser for a license to entitle her niece—a granddaughter of the late Madame Celeste—to appear in a solo dance in the Britannia Theatre pantomime. Applicant brought a letter from Mr. Crawford, acting-manager, in which he said the little girl (who is nearly 9 years of age) would be allowed to dance in Mrs. Sara Lane's own private room, and would not be in the theatre much more than an hour every night, this between 7 and 9.—Mr. Corser: I am not against allowing the child to appear if she is physically fit, but I must have medical testimony to that effect.—Applicant said she had a medical certificate of the child's fitness when some time ago she asked for a license to appear in a minstrel troupe. Mr. Corser: I should like to have a certificate of health up to the present. Who can a doctor come?—Applicant: I don't know that he can come; he is so busy.—Mr. Corser: I have to be satisfied that the performance will not injure the health of the child. I am satisfied that she will be well looked after, and that her schooling will not be interfered with, but her health must be looked after. How many rehearsals will she have?

—Applicant: Only two.—Mr. Corser: You bring me a doctor's certificate and a blank form of license, and then, if it is satisfactory, I will give you a license.

**Marylebone.**

**A LIEUT.-FIREMAN BURNED.**—Emily Young, 33, a barmaid, was charged with stealing four marked coins, amounting to £s. 6d., the money of Christopher Jarvis, the landlord of the Duke of Cumberland, Bayswater-street. Mr. Frank Palmer, solicitor, prosecuted.—Mr. Jarvis said the prisoner entered his service on November 7th. From something which happened he communicated with the police, and had the prisoner watched. He had a patient till in the bar, into which all coins taken should be deposited, the change being available from a shelf in front of the till. Det.-supt. Boulter and Webb marked a number of coins, some of which they passed to the prisoner themselves and others they got other people to pass to her. Shortly after the coins were passed to the prisoner, the till was cleared, and each time some of the marked coins were missed. At last prisoner was called into the bar-parlour and in reply to questions put to her she said that she had no money about her. Her box was about to be searched, when she produced a marked shilling from her watch-pocket, and expressed her sorrow for what she had done. She also said other money would be found in her box, and two shillings and sixpence, marked coin, were found there. She was then given into custody, and the doctor remained suffering from starvation, as he stated.

**Lambeth.**

**COAL DEALERS IN TROUBLE.**—Frederick Cameron, trading under the title of the Brixton Coal Supply Association, Station-road, Brixton, was summoned at the instance of the London County Council for delivering coal without a ticket, as required by the Act.—Mr. Roberts appeared in support of the summons, and stated that the defendant had been convicted at this court for delivering coal of less weight than the quantity expressed on the ticket, and against that decision he appealed, but the appeal was dismissed with costs. Since then the council had received reports from different parts of London to the effect that Mr. Cameron (who traded in different names), was delivering coal with tickets which did not contain the information required by the Act. In the present case a ticket was delivered giving the weight of the coal, but failing to give either the number of sacks or the weight of each sack.—The defendant's solicitor thought the Act was very hard upon coal dealers, and the cases reported in the newspapers.—Mr. Birrell said he was very glad to hear the latter part of the statement. It would be a misfortune if such things were not reported. He fined the defendant £5 and 12s. costs.

**THE WATERLOO BARNARD AND HER ADVISER.**—Henry Sutherland Linley, of 22, Micklem, Dorking, accountant, appeared to a summon to show cause why he should not be adjudged the father of the illegitimate child of Amy Jane Quelch.—The complainant deposed that the defendant was an accountant, and had an office in Chancery-lane. In 1889 she was a barmaid in the refreshment-rooms at Waterloo Railway Station. The defendant when either going or coming by train frequently called in the bar and had refreshment and conversed with the constable replied that they lived in William-street, Battersea. The father was a compositor, who did no work, though he spent money in drink, and the mother sent the boy out in the streets, as she said, to get money by selling newspapers, but as he said, by begging.—Coutzman, the chief constable of the Mendicity Society, said the couple had another boy in a school at the public expense, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children were investigating their treatment of the lad before the court.—Mr. Birrell was glad to hear it, and sent the poor boy to the workhouse.

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**Greenwich.**

**SELLING FIREWORKS TO CHILDREN.**—Edward Cook, of Kender-street, New Cross, was summoned by the police for selling fireworks to a child.—A lad, aged 11, deposed to buying fourpennyworth of fireworks at the defendant's shop, and P.C. Rogers said that fireworks were sold indiscriminately to boys.—Defendant admitted the offence.—Mr. Kennedy said that a great deal of harm was done by selling fireworks to boys, who let them off in the street and frightened horses. He was glad that the police had taken up the matter. He fined the defendant £3 and 2s. costs.

**Wandsworth.**

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## ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER OF A CHILD.

At Clerkenwell Police Court on Thursday, Mary Wood, aged 20, a single woman, was brought up from Holloway Gaol, and charged with the manslaughter of her child Agnes, 6 months, at Kentish Town. Mr. Sims prosecuted on behalf of the Treasury, and Mr. Gould defended the prisoner. Evidence was given that prisoner's child was admitted into the St. Pancras Infirmary on the 3rd of September last, Wood being charged with cruelly neglecting it, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment on the 2nd of October. The infant, after remaining in the infirmary for three months, died, it was stated, in consequence of the previous neglect. At the inquiry recently held at the St. Pancras Coroner's Court a verdict of manslaughter was returned against the prisoner.—The prisoner was committed for trial.

## IMPORTANT TO RAILWAY TRAVELLERS.

In the Court of Queen's Bench, before Justices Mathew and Smith, the important case of Founder v. the North-Eastern Railway Company came on for hearing. The case was recently argued on appeal, from a decision of the county court judge at Hartlepool, holding the railway company liable in damages for an assault committed on him by a fellow-passenger. The case arose out of the ill-felling in connection with the Silkworm Colliery evictions, the plaintiff, it was said, being one of the Candy Hall men, who had been engaged in the evictions, and the assault or assault having been committed by some of the pitmen belonging to the class of persons who had been evicted. The plaintiff on the occasion in question—February 21st last—was travelling from Sunderland to West Hartlepool.—Justice Smith, in giving judgment, said the plaintiff had recovered damages for a series of assaults committed on him by fellow-passengers whilst travelling on the defendants' line. It was proved that the plaintiff was one of the ordinary travelling public, having paid for a third-class ticket from Sunderland to Hartlepool, and that the company had no notice that he was exposed to any greater danger than other members of the public. He was a Candy Hall man. He had incurred the ill-will of the pitmen, and was in danger of being molested by them. He attempted with others to ride in the guard's van, but that was not allowed, it being against the company's rules, and they were placed in a third-class carriage, in which there were six or seven unexceptionable passengers. The carriage was constructed to carry eight or ten people. Some pitmen rushed in as the train was starting, and the carriage was overcrowded. At Ryhope, the next station, these pitmen got out and other pitmen got in. These acts were wholly unconnected with the company, who were held liable in damages to the amount of £5. The action was brought against the company for acts of omission, and could only be supported by establishing that it was the duty of the defendants to do what it was alleged they omitted to do. The duty of a railway company to its passengers arose out of contract. Ordinarily it was the duty of a carrier to carry the passenger on the contracted journey with due care and diligence, and afford him reasonable accommodation in that behalf. If the carrier omitted to perform either of these duties he was responsible for the ordinary consequences. It was said that in the present case the company committed a breach of duty in allowing overcrowding, and consequently omitting to supply the plaintiff with reasonable accommodation—the House of Lords having in Jackson's case held over-crowding to be evidence of negligence, that was, of breach of duty. Be it so. But the obligation the defendants undertook was that if they omitted to supply the passenger with reasonable accommodation they would be liable for the consequences to him as one of the travelling public, and not as one who required special protection for his safety. The decision of the county court judge must therefore be reversed, and judgment entered for the defendants.—Mr. Justice Mathew concurred, but leave to appeal was granted.

## THE NEW UNDER-SECRETARY FOR INDIA.

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Hon. George Nathaniel Curzon, M.P., to be under-secretary of State for India, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir John Gorst, Q.C., M.P. The new under-secretary is the eldest son of Lord Scarsdale, rector of Kedleston, Derby, and in his 33rd year. He was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford. At Eton he was captain of the Oopidans, and was reputed to be by far the best speaker in the School Debating Society. He went to Oxford with a considerable reputation, which he sustained by taking a first in classical moderations and winning the Stanhope historical prize. He was elected to a fellowship of All Souls. In 1883 Mr. Curzon was assistant private secretary to the Marquis of Salisbury. In that year he contested Southern Derbyshire unsuccessfully, but at the ensuing election, in 1886, was returned for his present constituency, the Southport Division of Lancashire. The hon. gentleman has made some effective speeches in the House, and is well known as a traveller in Western and Central Asia, his most recent journey being a second visit to Persia, in reference to which country he is regarded as an authority. He published in 1889, in a volume bearing the title "Russia in Central Asia," his experiences of travel along the new Transcaspian Railway, and his views on the Anglo-Russian question in regard to that part of the world.

## THE LATE MR. W. H. SMITH.

A meeting of parishioners was held on Thursday, in the Vestry Hall of St. Clement Danes, Strand, for the purpose of considering the best means of raising in the parish a suitable memorial to Mr. W. H. Smith. Mr. H. Twining presided.—Mr. Dobson moved, and Mr. S. H. Twining seconded, a resolution declaring it desirable that the memorial should take the form of a mission hall and chapel, with a parochial room and other facilities for parish work, to be erected on the site just purchased in Vere-street.—The Rev. J. J. H. Pennington spoke of the need for such a building, and a committee was formed to consider and report upon the subject.

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## THE CAPTURE OF COINERS.

At the Central Criminal Court, Geo. Cook, a painter; Fred Davis, a bricklayer; and Sarah Davis, 20, were indicted for possessing a large quantity of counterfeit coins and of moulds and other implements for the manufacture of spurious money. Mr. Wilkinson prosecuted on behalf of the Mint authorities, and Mr. Hutton and Mr. Keith Frith defended.—The facts of the case have only recently been published. It will be remembered that two detective officers of the metropolitan police, Sergeant Scott and Kyd, after having had the male prisoners under observation for some time, suddenly arrested them, when Davis was found in possession of 120 counterfeit half-crowns and florins. A latch-key was also found upon him, which admitted the police officers to 5, Berkeley-street, Battersea, where they found the female prisoner, a further quantity of counterfeit coin (some of it being in the female prisoner's clothing), and several moulds and other implements which are used in the production of spurious money.—The jury found all the prisoners guilty, and Insp. Leach informed the common assent that Cook was well known to the police, having been several times previously convicted of similar offences, and having in the aggregate undergone twenty years' imprisonment.—The common assent sentenced Cook to twelve years' penal servitude, F. Davis to eight years' penal servitude, and the female prisoner, who was recommended to mercy by the jury, to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

## ANOTHER CASE.

Frederick Williams, 50, tinsplate worker; Sarah Bishop, 26, no occupation; and William Davis, 61, docker, were indicted, the two former for possessing moulds for making counterfeit coins, and the latter for possessing counterfeit coin. The prisoners pleaded guilty.—The capture of the prisoners was effected with considerable skill and promptitude. It transpired that the police have long suspected that house in Bird-in-Bush-road, Finsbury, occupied by the female prisoner, who was known to them by the name of Worms, was frequented by coiners, and Det.-Insp. Fox and other officers accordingly kept the place under close observation, and on the 13th and 14th of October saw the male prisoners enter the house and remain there some considerable time. From information obtained, a raid on the premises was arranged, and promptly carried out on the 15th. Towards the evening of that day the female prisoner was observed to quit the house, and when she had got out of sight it was immediately arrested. The signal for entry was then given, and the detectives went noiselessly in the front door, which was opened by a "bobbin-latch" and in the back, and the wind, which had been S.W., suddenly shifted two points, which made it impossible to return, and they continued drifting towards land. The signal for entry was then given, and the detectives went noiselessly in the front door, which was opened by a "bobbin-latch" and in the back, and the wind, which had been S.W., suddenly shifted two points, which made it impossible to return, and they continued drifting towards land. 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## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

There were eleven cases of suicide in the metropolis last week.

There were 2,665 births and 1,396 deaths registered in London last week.

There were 370 deaths in London last week from diseases of the respiratory organs.

No fewer than fifty deaths in London last week were attributed to accident or negligence.

Influenza is still with us. Six deaths in London last week were primarily attributed to the disease.

Of the 24,300 coal miners in the Pee-de-Cain, 15,000 have gone out on strike.

The Queen is now reported to be in excellent health, and able to take walking exercise at Balmoral without the aid of her stick.

An extensive range of buildings, forming part of the Canterbury barracks, were destroyed by fire on Monday.

Charles A. Durling, who attempted suicide at Kansas City by taking strychnine, said he had been made despondent by the constant reading of Balmer Lytton's works.

Prince Daunrong, the heir to the throne of Siam, is being made much of in Russia. He has received greetings from the Czar, the Cesarewitch, and the grand dukes.

Judges Mathew and Smith have made absolute the rule for the removal of the scalp of members of the Salvation Army at Eastbourne from Lewes to London.

In the matter of trifles, England is France's best customer. The Republic annually exports about 455,000 cwt. of this delicious dainty, of which 204,700 cwt. comes to this country, principally to London.

The question whether the costs of the inquiry into the sanity of Mrs. Cathcart should be charged upon her own estate has again been argued in the Court of Appeal and in the end adjourned till Monday.

A son of Marshal Bazaine having decided to call himself Beaurain, the family of that name are bringing an action against him for usurping it. They are determined to keep the name for themselves, and never to let it be used by a Bazaine.

The house of Michael Faber, of Grafton, Illinois, was burned the other day, and the charred remains of Faber's wife were found in the ruins. The man, who has been arrested on suspicion of having murdered her, is asserted to have burned his house to conceal the crime.

The rainfall of the past few days in Dorsetshire has had a disastrous effect on agriculture. Thousands of acres of pasture land have been under water. In some parts of the county the roadways are impassable, the River Stour and Frome having overflowed their banks.

The Duke of Fife will distribute the prizes at the Birbeck Institution on Wednesday evening, December 2nd. The Lord Mayor, who has promised to preside, will be supported by the Earl of Northbrook (president of the institution) and several members of Parliament.

Giving evidence before the Labour Committee, Mr. Isaac Evans, as representing the miners of South Wales, advocated legislation for reducing the hours of labour in mines to eight per day. He thought, however, that Parliament need not interfere with wages as well as hours.

Several persons were summoned before metropolitan magistrates on Tuesday for riding on the North-Western Railway and the District Railway without having previously paid their fare. They were all fined with the exception of one defendant, who had an old ticket, and in his case it was said that there was no intention to defraud.

It is now settled that the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the Duke of Portland at Welbeck Abbey, Notts, will take place from December 14th to December 20th. A public meeting of the inhabitants of Worksop will be held on Monday next to decide what steps shall be taken to welcome the royal visitors.

We learn from Rio de Janeiro that Marshal da Fonseca has issued a decree opening a credit of 13,000,000 milreis for munitions of war. Visconde Paloté, it is stated from Valparaíso, has opened negotiations with the Dictator asking for mutual concessions, and it is now expected that the revolt will remain merely local.

Between the 1st April and the 14th inst. the total receipts into the Exchequer amounted to £45,254,407, as compared with £30,524,797 in the corresponding period of the last financial year; and the expenditure to £55,277,322, as against £53,538,733. On Saturday last the Treasury balances stood at £607,758, and on the same date in the previous year at £1,185,329.

Presiding over the triennial festival of the Charing Cross Hospital at the Hôtel Métropole, the Lord Mayor announced that Mr. Passmore Edwards had undertaken to provide a convalescent home for the hospital at an estimated cost of £20,000. The site, which at Clacton-on-Sea, has been presented by Mr. Drummond, and is of the value of £2,000.

A decision has been come to by the Town Council of Paris that it is responsible within a reasonable degree for the lives of workmen in its employment. It accordingly granted life pensions, to the amount of £20 a year, to the widows of two scavengers who were drowned in a sewer in Paris in consequence of a signal not being soon enough given for them to leave the sewer when a sudden heavy shower came.

Two railway accidents occurred on Monday. An empty passenger train and a luggage train came into collision on the London, Chatham, and Dover line at Upper Sydenham, delaying traffic for several hours; and near Kendal, on the London and North-Western Railway, several wagons of a ballast train ran off the line, with the result that the metals were torn up, and passengers by an express had a narrow escape.

An official telegram received at the Brazilian legation in London states that perfect tranquillity prevails in Brazil, and "no voice for treason has been uttered anywhere." From this telegram it would appear that the Provisional Junta in the State of Rio Grande do Sul is favourable to the President. A Valparaiso correspondent, however, learns that the Junta at Porto Alegre has issued a proclamation protesting against the acts of Marshal da Fonseca.

Seven members of the Social Democratic Federation, who were arrested on Sunday night when attempting to hold a meeting at the World's End, Chelsea, and charged with disorderly conduct, have been brought before the Westminster magistrate. Two of them were further charged with assaulting the police, and another with obstructing a thoroughfare. Police evidence as to the effort to hold the meeting and the consequent arrest having been given, a remand for a week was granted, bail being allowed.

Mr. Mundella, M.P., and Sir L. Playfair, M.P., addressed a public meeting at Kensington Town Hall in favour of Dr. Gladstone's candidature for re-election to the London School Board. Mr. Mundella examined the various charges made against the progressive party on the board, and exposed the fallacy of all. Sir L. Playfair urged the ratepayers not to listen to the ignorant cry against expenditure, for money spent on education was an investment, without which it

would be impossible for the prosperity of England to continue.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling has left Sydney for Colombo.

We sent £762,428 worth of cotton goods to Switzerland last year.

We received £450,523 worth of condensed milk from Switzerland last year.

François Sloane, a young girl of 20, of Duluth, Minnesota, committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart.

The foreign trade of Switzerland last year amounted to £40,05,028 for imports, and £29,002,912 for exports.

"I do not believe," says Dr. Dale, "in large schemes for changing the whole order either of our political or economical life."

Despite all the warnings of the coroners, no fewer than fifteen infants under a year old were suffocated in bed last week in London.

The estimated total produce of hops in England in the present year is 456,716cwt., against 233,622cwt. in 1890.

John Kramer, of New York City, shot and fatally wounded his wife Mary, and then committed suicide by hanging.

Who will be the new governor of New Zealand? The Earl of Selkirk, G.C.M.G., has, at all events, submitted his resignation on the ground of urgent private affairs.

Siegfried Goesch, a German labourer, of San Francisco, murdered his wife and young son, cutting their skulls open with a hatchet. He then ended his own mispent life.

The new Under-secretary for India once headed the House of Lords—a score siding on which to shunt the worn-out and superfluous trucks of the Parliamentary train."

In Australia the rabbit has already begun to climb trees to feed on the leaves at a time when the grass is withered after long droughts.

Of 16,151 persons engaged in the Massachusetts fisheries, 10,388 are Americans, 3,388 hail from British North America, while 1,375 are of other nationalities.

During the visit of the Duke of Clarence and Prince George to Lord Cadogan at Culford Hall, a party of eight guns shot nearly 2,700 head of game in three days.

Upwards of 3,100,000cwt. of herring were taken off the Scotch coasts in the ten months ending with October 31st, and only 84,000cwt. on the Irish coasts.

We have, according to the returns, some 400,000 infantry, 11,000 regular cavalry, and 22,000 regular artillerymen in the United Kingdom.

It is asserted that the ex-King Milan of Servia has signed a document in which he renounces all his legal and constitutional rights in Servia.

In the ten months ending October 31st last, there were 4,791,886cwt. of flax brought ashore in Scotland, but only 557,206cwt. in Ireland.

Owing to the prohibition of the export of all grains, except wheat, from Russia, the price of bread in Greece has written a penny a loaf. The premium on gold is also rising, and stocks are very low.

Somebody—whose name is still unfamiliar to science—is reported to have discovered a pig in the Queensland bush which, compelled by the exigencies of its life, had taken to climbing trees in search of fruit and foliage.

Said Sir Edward Clarke at Esher:

"The whole political history of the last fifty years has been a series of bids by the Liberal party to the least educated section of voters."

The Emperor Francis Joseph sent a truly magnificent silver wedding present to the Czar. It consisted of a dinner service for twenty-four persons, constructed of solid silver, superbly wrought and chased. There are nearly 300 pieces.

Mr. George Curzon, who has succeeded Sir J. Gorst's position at the India Office, has a pot scheme for diminishing the membership of the Upper House by one-half, mainly through the expulsion of the "black sheep" and habitual absentees.

Alfred Cowley, labourer, was knocked down by a train on the Great Eastern Railway, between Coborn-road and Stratford Stations. He was taken to the London Hospital, but died a few minutes after admission.

A statue of Sir Arthur Phayre, the first chief commissioner of Burma, was unveiled at Rangoon on Monday by Sir A. Mackenzie in presence of a large attendance of all nationalities. The statue is placed in the Horticultural Gardens, which were established by Sir A. Phayre.

The Duke of Connaught, at Southampton, presented the prizes won at the annual competition of the 1st Volunteer Brigade of the Southern Division of the Royal Artillery. His royal highness told them they were now part and parcel of the defences of Portmouth.

The Plymouth Local Marine Board has suggested to the Board of Trade the desirability, in the interests of the fishing and other shipping industries of the port, of holding an inquiry into the conditions under which gannetry practice is carried on, and what measures, if any, may be necessary to regulate it in future.

Can nothing be done to give a fillip to the fishing industries of Ireland? Though the Irish coast line is almost as large as that of Scotland, the difference being only 200 or 300 miles, and though Irish waters are frequented by every kind of fish found in the British seas, the weight of fish landed on its shores is only about one-sixth of that conveyed to the Scotch fishing stations.

Ladies will be interested in the information that ribbons are in great favour. They are worn especially by young ladies. The last arrangement is to—for an evening dress—pass the ribbon round the waist, cross it in front, take it round again under the arms, and tie it in a bow above the shoulder-blades at the point of the bertha or the frill of lace or chiffon, the long ends reaching the foot of the skirt.

A largely-attended meeting of the Glasgow corn trade was held in the Glasgow Corn Exchange to consider the Parliamentary proposal to have a uniform weight for grain. Mr. David Clarkson presided, and said there were at present such a variety of weights that farmers were apt to be misled. It was agreed that a uniform rate of 112lb. be adopted, an amendment that 100lb. be the weight being withdrawn.

The Duke of Edinburgh, the naval commander-in-chief at Devonport, will take part as principal violin in two concerts to be given at Plymouth on the 23rd inst. by the Royal Orchestral Society, which was founded by his royal highness some twenty years ago, and has for its patrons the Queen and the Prince of Wales. Since its formation it has, by means of concerts, handed over to various charities between £10,000 and £12,000.

One of the most remarkable weddings since the time of Methusalem has just taken place at Atlanta, Georgia. The bridegroom was Hiram Lester, youth of 12 summers—so, while the blushing bride was Mary Mosley, a young thing of only 8. Crowd flocked to the Opera House to see the ceremony, every one of whom was charged 25c. Hiram Lester had been an inmate of the workhouse where Mary Mosley was matron.

Arrangements for the "settlement" of women workers in the Canning Town district have been completed. What the women propose doing is to arrange pleasant Sunday afternoon services for women and other working people, happy evenings for children, the organisation of play-hours on Saturdays, co-operation in cheap dinners for children during the winter, country holidays, nursing and visiting the sick, ambulance lectures, the establishment of old clothes exchanges for home service. The working of

this new addition to free libraries will be watched with considerable interest.

The International Peace Congress at Rome adopted a resolution in favour of the conclusion between nations of permanent arbitration treaties.

Captains of vessels are warned that healths of tides from the wrecked vessel Griffo are floating about near the Old Head of Kinsale, and constitute a danger to navigation.

The election for the Cantonal Government of Geneva, which took place on Sunday, is favourable to the Conservative party, which succeeded in nominating five members out of seven composing the executive.

Mr. Wood Davis, an American expert in statistics of bread-stuffs, estimates the deficiency throughout the world in the wheat crop at 70,000,000 bushels, and in rye at 300,000,000 bushels.

The Empress of Russia wears everything small and neat, to harmonise with her delicate type of beauty. Pale blue, mauve, and several new shades of green are the colours she prefers.

It is almost unprecedented in the history of the Scottish Universities for the Chancellor of Edinburgh to be Lord Rector of Glasgow. These positions, are, however, held by Mr. Balfour.

The Queen of Portugal is the most drowsy lady in Europe. She buys costumes, bonnets, and hats wholesale. Her pale complexion and auburn hair permit of any kind of head-gear.

There were thirty-seven deaths from measles in London last week, eight from scarlet fever, twenty-four from diphtheria, fifty-seven from whooping-cough, fifteen from enteric fever, and twenty-one from diarrhoea and dysentery.

It is reported that Carras, the Mexican revolutionist, with 100 men, had a fight with several hundred Mexican troops on the Moorish road, twelve miles from Guerro, on the 12th inst. Three soldiers were killed and one wounded, and the troops retired in disorder.

There will be a new Etion College on Wednesday, Mr. T. Harrington said that Mr. T. P. O'Connor had told him that the two things he hated were Irish priests and English Radicals.

The Canadian Government has concluded an agreement with the Allan and Dominion steamship lines for a weekly mail service between Canada and Great Britain, via Portland.

Provisions are made in the German Naval Estimates for the erection of some 400 wooden houses in connection with the dockyards at Kiel. Each of the houses is to have attached to it 40 square yards of ground.

Americans have a duck trust now. This should include a duck of a husband, who may always be trusted to buy that duck of a bonnet.

"TIME FLIES." Again, "TIME IS MONEY." And, therefore, money flies. And that's why they put the picture of an eagle on American dollars.

Whoever heard of a house to let that wasn't "desirable residence," or a book published about this time of the year that wasn't "the very thing for a Christmas present?"

As a rule, it is your ugly man who remembers that beauty is only skin deep. Carras is it that beauty is only skin deep. Carras is it that the ugly show manager insists upon having his picture on all the bills.

It is getting complicated, this dynamite business. When they fire off a bomb in America it is expected to set in; when they fire one in Russia it is expected to end.

According to an American exchange, the writer of the song, "Listen to My Tale of Woe," got £3 for it—not three months, as some people may have imagined.

It is said that they have commenced to charge for the waters at Saratoga—one of the chief American health resorts. The new manager at one of the big hotels also runs a milk business in the vicinity.

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According to a St. Petersburg telegram, the Minister of Finance is at present engaged to increase its subsidy from £300,000 to £750,000, with the object of securing a fast Atlantic service between England and Canada.

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The twin screw-steamer, built for the Lancashire & Yorkshire and the London and North-Western Railway Companies, and intended to start a mail passenger service between Fleetwood and Belfast, has been launched from the yard of Messrs. Laird Brothers, at Birkenhead.

The Pope has formally established a Catholic hierarchy in Japan, with a metropolitan at Tokio, and suffragans at Nagasaki, Osaka, and Phukodato. The Vatican has received from the Imperial Government the fullest assurance that absolute liberty will be given to the Catholic Church in the work of evangelisation.

A number of judges might retire if they so pleased. Lord Coleridge has been seventeen years on the bench, Lord Esher nearly twenty, Lord Hanover over twenty, Mr. Justice Denman over nineteen, Baron Pollock nineteen, Mr. Justice Hawkins fifteen, and Lord Penzance sixteen years.

The Tribune of Rome reports from Venetia that a body of about 400 unemployed workmen collected on Monday night in the Duke of Genoa's palace in the small square of St. Mark and shouted repeatedly, "We are starving. We want work." The crowd was dispersed by the police without difficulty.

The New York Commercial Advertiser has a successful attempt the other day to bring rain to the Croton Aqueduct. A balloon was sent up into the clouds containing 200lb. of dynamite, which exploded with tremendous force. The explosion was followed immediately by a heavy downpour of rain.

TURF, FIELD, AND RIVER.  
BY LARRY LYNN.

Charles of the article should remember that the opinions and remarks expressed therein are given upon the general merits of the horses entered and special attention may now be made to her. A strong case can be made out to her advantage in the matter against a horse which has been beaten by "Larry Lynn" which affects the opinion held of him by "Larry Lynn" prior to going to meet.

The controversy on the return of Ormonde to England still agitates the minds of breeders and owners in these, the declining days of the season. The Duke of Westminster has written a letter to the papers on the subject, but it is not of particular interest beyond telling us for the first time the actual price his grace received for the big horse. It was not a record one, as it transpires that Don Juan Bocan paid no more than £12,000 for the unbeaten hero. That is £2,000 less than the duke gave for Ormonde's grandsire, Doncaster. Otherwise the duke tells us nothing new about the horse beyond what we already know. Ormonde began to show symptoms of his infirmity after winning the St. Leger, or, rather, in the autumn of 1886 when three years old. His own brother, Osmary, who died on the voyage to America, and his own sister, Flora de Lys, were roarers, and were sold by his Grace to go abroad, and Ormonde followed suit. The duke says he parted with Ormonde as he had no wish to be the means of adding to the increase of a disease which affects far too many of our horses in this country. And yet his grace, desirous as he is of preventing the taint of roaring being propagated in England, still goes on breeding from Lily Agnes, that same roaring filly who gave birth to Ormonde, and who is now in foal to Bond Or.

Lord Gerard gives a better reason for the Duke of Westminster's sale of Ormonde than does the duke himself, for in his letter he tells us that after the great horse became the sire of Orme, Goldfinch, and others in this country, he had a severe illness and a subsequent relapse. Then, as a stallion, he was next to useless, and of thirty mares he served, only three were in foal, and two foals were born dead, leaving only one. At that time Ormonde was so ill from disease of the throat that when he coughed after feeding the food came back through his nose. After this, it is not surprising that the Duke of Westminster took £12,000 for him. Lord Gerard says the horse will not work half-a-crown, and he would be sorry to put a mare to him at that price. Although I do not think it a wise policy to bring the great horse back after acclimatising him in the Argentine, I fancy a few of my readers would give as much as half-a-crown for the trouble event of 1886.

Lord Marcus Beresford points out the fact that he has at present a horse called Order (1888), by Bond Or out of Angelica, the dam of Blue Green and Orme, and herself own sister to St. Simon. This horse not only combines on both sides the most valuable blood, but is absolutely sound in wind and limb. His manners are also perfect, and he has never yet been known to return his feed through his nose after feeding.

Fine weather was associated with the opening stage of the Derby meeting, and if the fields seen under silk and satin were not so strong as those who contested the races at the autumn fixture last year, there was plenty of capital sport, and in the private stand "a very good company." In the first event, the Broadland Selling Plate, Catocala, who having beaten Experience, who had defeated Warrington at Liverpool, was made favourite, but Warrington won; and later on, in the All-Aged Plate, Mr. Maple's colours were borne to victory again by Comiston, who, however, only got home by a head from Alizet. The chief event, the Chesterfield Nursery, brought out a large field, from which Clarence Pyramid, and Macready were the most notable absentees. On the book the race looked at Bouthillier's mercy, and the latter got home by the throughout the second half of the race. Cambridge appear to have found a tolerable full-back at last in C. M. Wells, the young Surrey cricketer, and Neilson is now able to hold his proper place at three-quarter. With Marshall, Orr, Neilson, Montgomery, and Fyffe, the Light Blues have a really brilliant set of backs, and if only their forwards can hold their own, even when Fercival was placed hors de combat. Altogether it was a fine match and a famous victory.

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The above, in which Old Salford is predicted, is the first of a series of "smokers" on Monday evenings. Members and their friends turned up in large numbers, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. H. Sherratt occupied the chair. The programme was a very lengthy and entertaining one, and was contributed to by several members of the club, and the girls who were present. The evening was closed with the singing of Master Simpson, who was loudly applauded. Among the other favourites were Misses M. Sherratt, Mrs. Keast, Mrs. Jones, E. G. Gamble, and H. Kline.

KARAVAN.—The match, Greydon v. Guy's Hospital, reported in last week's *People* as a win for Greydon by a goal from a try to a goal from a catch, should have been recorded as a victory for Guy's Hospital by a goal and three tries to a try (by E. G. Gamble). The error was due to a misreading of an obscurely-worded telegram.

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The League matches continue to be interesting and to produce surprises. Darwen, who had previously only won a couple of matches out of ten played, succeeded in upsetting Everton, last year's champions, on Saturday; and Stoke, with a very similar record to that of Darwen, drew with this year's leaders, Bolton Wanderers. Sunderland, the most uneven of all the clubs, gave Derby County the awful drubbing of seven goals to one; and Aston Villa got three goals the better of West Bromwich Albion.

A match of great interest to all Associationists was that played at Sheffield on Monday between the Wednesday and United Clubs. Less than a month ago the United beat Wednesday by five goals to nil, but in the return match Wednesday effectively turned the tables, and won, amidst intense enthusiasm, by four goals to one.

Royal Arsenal had an unexpectedly easy

accounts at this time of the year, however, accounts for a lot of irreconcilable form.

The weights for the Manchester November Handicap, together with those for other events to be decided at the last big meeting of the flat racing season, came to hand on Wednesday last. I do not propose in the present article to deal with other than the handicap acceptances, and shall leave remaining news at New Barns for discussion in my latest note, on page 7. Of the forty subscribers twenty-three have cried content, including the top weight, Alicante. Notable absences among the heavy brigade are Father Confessor, War Dance, Lady Rosebery, and Sainfoin. Snaplock, son of whose form is brilliant, does not disdain his engagement, and I shall expect this son of Fetterlock to do his duty well, even if he be not a recognised stayer. For Alloway, who is left in silence out of Ryan's trio, I have no fancy, but Silver Star, who is very well built now, should run forward. Alice Taylor still holds a strong hand with Madame d'Albany, Raindrop, Harlequin, Commandant, and Beauchamp, and one of these must be very near hitting the mark, probably Harlequin. Both criss-cross, and on her Hampshire shire running she should go close. Rosedale has been too long on the shelf to justify a strong recommendation, although she is a rod in pickle; but Bonaparte, a colt from the same stable, is a good prospect. The Casuals had an easier task at Dover, where they beat the Highland Light Infantry by four goals to one. In the western division, Clifton easily beat Reading by eight goals to two, and Luton gained a four to one victory over Bedminster.

Surrey, who were the winners in the south-eastern group in last year's Rugby county championship, were practically knocked out for the present season by the victory over those of Kent on Tuesday, and as the latter have beaten Middlesex, Eastern Counties, and Surrey, and have only Sussex to meet,

there is a strong probability—in fact, almost a certainty—that their being the divisional champions this year. Middlesex—as Surrey had already done—defeated Sussex on Wednesday, and in the south-western group on the same day Midland Counties scored a lucky win against Devonshire by two goals (one from a fair catch, the other from a penalty) to a tway.

Australia is now establishing fresh swimming records by the aid of her amateur champion, Mr. W. J. Gormley. On October 2nd he swam 100 yards in 50 sec., thus eclipsing Haggerty's and Nuttall's performances in this country.

That powerful club, the Orion Gymnasium, had their boxing competitions on Monday and Tuesday last. The display all round was highly creditable, and better boxing has not been witnessed for some years past at their rooms, Casterton-street, Hackney. The majority of the heats were keenly contested. The final heat of the feather weights (not exceeding 9st.) was won by J. Harley (4th V.B. West Surrey A.C.); and S. S. Pidgeon, Clarence A.C., won the light weights class final competition. The bantam weights class final was won by E. A. Watson, People's Palace Club, and that young boxer looks like training on into a good one.

Poor John Nightingall was laid to rest in Finchley Cemetery on Thursday last. "Peace be to his manes," for a better man never lived.

Oxford's victory over Blackheath at Rugby Football was to a certain extent incomprehensible. The club, there could be no doubt about it, underrated the Dark Blues, but, nevertheless, they had very nearly their strongest team in the field. Oxford, on the other hand, were without their brilliant captain, Clause, the Scottish international. It was the Oxford forwards who gained the victory; these played with remarkable dash and cleverness, rushing the "scrum" with the ball in front of them time after time, and making quite an exhibition of the Blackheath forwards, who are usually good enough for any opponents. After Jardine had been compelled to retire with a sprained ankle and a forward had been taken out at three-quarter, the Oxonians still continued to hold the best of it forward and were able to hold their own, even when Fercival was placed hors de combat. Altogether it was a fine match and a famous victory.

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## VOLUNTEER GOSSIP.

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The force adopted by the Admiralty with regard to the Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, one of which is likely to come into the welfare of the Auxiliary Forces. It is difficult to understand why the members of this body should be handed over to the care of the War Office. The treatment or reorganisation of the corps had long been a subject of proposal to transfer it to the charge of the military authorities is, to say the least, peculiar. In its present form it is difficult to know in what particular service the men could be useful, as they could not be said to be fully qualified and any more than were fit for the purpose of coast defence accomplished greater. They might, however, have been converted into a corps of marine artillery with great advantage to the State.

There is no doubt, that, next to the Navy, the Artillery will be the first arm to be reinforced in case of war. The force will be added to the strength of this force will meet with general approval, but it is not, so far, stated that the R.N.A.V.'s are expected to join this branch of the service. Surely if they were, would it not be better to convert the force into a regiment of auxiliary artillery? The men are very well qualified for such purposes, and of them have a very fair knowledge of gunnery. It would be a subject of regret if the services of these gentlemen were to be altogether lost to the country.

The Duke of Connaught, who has always given great interest in the Volunteers, mentioned the prizes to the 2nd Hants Artillery on Tuesday evening. A strict soldier himself, he would like to see the Volunteer force still more closely connected with the Regular Forces than at present. He holds that Volunteers should be recruited from among those who are told of duty at certain points, at which they should be trained. This simply means that the mobilisation should be something more than ever present, which exists on paper only.

The Military Life Association is likely to make progress at last, and to do some good work, for the Prince of Wales has consented to become one of its trustees. Those who are interested in the success of the association and the efficiency of the constitutional force, appear the names of the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, and the Duke of Clarence, who was at one time in the Norfolk Artillery.

On Wednesday Sir Horatio Gibbs took office as Inspector of the Auxiliary and Reserve Forces, whose numbers amount to about half a million of men. General Gibbs, who joined the Army in 1861 as an ensign in the Scots Guards, and was made a captain in 1865. He was present at the Crimean campaign, wounded at the battle of the Alma, and took part in the day following the charge of the Light Brigade Balaklava, severely wounded at the battle of Inkermann, and took part in the siege of Sevastopol.

Through the regimental, or, perhaps, more properly speaking, the battalion returns of the Volunteers will not be complete until the end of the year, the members not being allowed to enter the service until after the new regulations came into operation. Everybody should apply at once. A formal application for a general officer, for instance, constitutes free. Call, writing, or wire, Argyle-street, Gloucester, W. Opposite Peter's Detectives.

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## SALFORD GAS SCANDAL.

At the Old Bailey, Sidney Kershaw, contractor of Salford, was indicted, under a writ of certiorari removing the case from the Salford Sessions, for having endeavoured to corruptly bribe Sydney J. Shoubridge, gas surveyor to the Salford Corporation. The case is one which has been repeatedly before the public. It was alleged that the bribe was offered in connection with certain contracts which the defendant was desirous of obtaining. Mr. Waddy, Q.C., and Mr. Cotter, who prosecuted, and Mr. Bowen K., defended. The case was tried at the same court the last session, when the jury disagreed, and the case now came on for re-hearing. In the result the jury acquitted the defendant.

## ANARCHISTS AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

A special despatch to the New York World says that the revival of Anarchists in Chicago are causing a panic in the city. Mr. McClaughry says there is really nothing to be afraid of, and that the agitation has been got up by enemies of the World's Fair in New York. He adds that the two ringleaders, Weissman and Suster, and two other Anarchists were sent from New York to create a panic in order to injure the prospects of the exhibition. It is believed by the enemies of the fair that if they can create an impression that life and property are not safe in Chicago it will ruin the enterprise. Mr. McClaughry says there is nothing in the trouble except the jealousy of New York.

## NOTICE.

To avoid loss of time and incovenient race, all communications on business matters should be addressed to the MANAGER, and not to the EDITOR.

## PERSONAL.

**WILL C. W.** COMMUNICATE with Poly. All info. have no fear. Old address will be given.

**MOTHER** dear, now no chance for you. Sunday, 25th inst. Address also: Without fail, etc. — **MILITIA MAID.**

To any of the Children of the late F. SMITH, of Cheltenham, Wiltshire, who died about 1860, and were buried in 1860. He was present at the Crimean campaign, wounded at the battle of the Alma, and took part in the day following the charge of the Light Brigade Balaklava, severely wounded at the battle of Inkermann, and took part in the siege of Sevastopol.

The Military Life Association is likely to make progress at last, and to do some good work, for the Prince of Wales has consented to become one of its trustees. Those who are interested in the success of the association and the efficiency of the constitutional force, appear the names of the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, and the Duke of Clarence, who was at one time in the Norfolk Artillery.

On Wednesday Sir Horatio Gibbs took office as Inspector of the Auxiliary and Reserve Forces, whose numbers amount to about half a million of men. General Gibbs, who joined the Army in 1861 as an ensign in the Scots Guards, and was made a captain in 1865. He was present at the Crimean campaign, wounded at the battle of the Alma, and took part in the day following the charge of the Light Brigade Balaklava, severely wounded at the battle of Inkermann, and took part in the siege of Sevastopol.

Through the regimental, or, perhaps, more properly speaking, the battalion returns of the Volunteers will not be complete until the end of the year, the members not being allowed to enter the service until after the new regulations came into operation. Everybody should apply at once. A formal application for a general officer, for instance, constitutes free. Call, writing, or wire, Argyle-street, Gloucester, W. Opposite Peter's Detectives.

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GENTLEMAN desiring early marriage wishes to correspond with Lady of good means, in the strength of the City regiments, which a circuit of 100 miles, to the first meeting. Artillery Brigade, under the command of Colonel Hope, has, since the days of its amalgamation with Wagg-Preston's Battalion, become cumbersome from weight of number, and can well bear a slight reduction in the strength of the L.R.B., and the 2nd London, but the 3rd appears to hold his own, as also does the Engineer Corps.

The Sergeants' Tactical Association have, as last reported, their winter meetings at the Royal Engineers, and to be in a very short time will commence on the 2nd of December when the members will play a war game at the H.A.C. Armoury House; and on Boxing Day there will be the usual outdoor exercises, this time at Spring Forest. On Friday, January 1st, the Drill will be held at the United Service Institution, the Royal Engineers, W. of 1877-78, taking up particularly the lessons of Pivots; and on Friday, the 25th, Major Borthwick will deal with the battle of Trafalgar. Friday, March 1st, will be taken up by Captain Whigham Verney, of the Rifle Brigade, with "Discipline and Encouraging."

The final shot of the City of London Rifle Association took place in the victory of E Company of the London Rifle Brigade, whose recruits were at 500 and 500 yards were 220, and 200 respectively. The best shot of the competition which has just concluded was that for the Inter-company Challenge Shield, instituted two years ago by Lieutenant colonel Evans, of the London Rifle Brigade, which was won by a company of that regiment. Here again, the point made by individuals were below the average, one would expect in such a competition.

Going back to the subject of Volunteer recruitments I have just seen a return of the number of Lancashire and Cheshire Volunteers, and I gather that in the course of two years there has only been a loss of 600 of those recruited for the year past. This, on the whole, must be looked upon as satisfactory.

By the way, that remains me the Liverpool Engineers, who are in a very poor condition, and they appear to have performed their task in a surprisingly short space of time. According to a contemporary, after the word "Omnium" was given the whole of the band in the drill-field was recovered in connection with a young drummer boy, who had been missing, and was found, most, have been newly parading. Presently, out of what seemed confusion, arose in all directions engineering works of the most perfect symmetry. The principal work was a large one, with gun barrels, and gun carriages, and they appear to have performed their task in a surprisingly short space of time. According to a contemporary, after the word "Omnium" was given the whole of the band in the drill-field was recovered in connection with a young drummer boy, who had been missing, and was found, most, have been newly parading. 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## SPORTS OF THE PEOPLE.

(The Events of the Week up to Thursday, Night will be found in "Lucky Luke's Article.)

## HACING.

## DERBY NOVEMBER MEETING.

THURSDAY.

THE CHANDESSIER HIGH-WEIGHT STAKES.—Detectors, 6 lbs. Set 8lb (Ricketts), 1. Five ran. Betting: 20 to 2 last Friday; 10 to 1 against.

THE QUEEN'S PLATE.—Collins, 7lbs. 7lb (G. Davis), 2; Sprightly, Syrs. 7lb 8lb (E. Chaloner), 3. Seven ran. Betting: 11 to 6 against Collins, 3 to 2 against Sprightly, and 10 to 14 against Collins.

THE OSMANTON NURSERY STAKES (Handicap) of 1,000 guineas. The Straight Mile.

Lord Cholmondeley's Bar-le-Duc, 7lb 7lb (Griffiths).

Mr. T. Thesellian, Syrs. 6lb (G. Davis), 2;

Mr. J. Charlton's May Duke, Set. 6lb (C. Lester).

Mr. Fair's First Flight, Set. 6lb (J. Watt).

Mr. S. Nesbit's Queen Bathilda, Set. 6lb (Rickey).

Mr. D. Cooper's Peterloo, Set. 7lb (Colling).

Col. North's Lady Morgan, Set. 7lb (Ashurst).

Mr. T. Canova's Quarryman, Set. 6lb (G. Davis).

Mr. J. Ribby's White Cockerel, Set. 6lb (F. Foster).

Mr. E. Kirk's Sophia, Set. 11lb (Brown).

Col. Paper's Romancer, Set. 6lb (Mullen).

Mr. H. Miller's Oberland, Set. 6lb (Grey).

Lord Hartington's Mirande, 7lb 11lb ... G. Barrett.

Mr. A. Taylor's Extraholm, 7lb 11lb (Chadney).

Mr. Chadderton's Bremerton, 7lb 11lb (T. Mulliner).

Mr. W. L. St. John's Queen, 10lb 6lb (Chaloner).

Mr. A. Boddy's Lotus Eater, 7lb 8lb (Fitzroy).

Mr. R. Ross's L'Abbesse Gallardine, 7lb 6lb (Fitzroy).

Mr. A. Kilkenny's Frenchman, 7lb 8lb (Bradford).

Mr. H. Dyas' Delvin, 7lb 7lb (Chadney).

Winner trained by Peasey.

Betting: 13 to 2 against Extraholm.

8 to 1 against Chadderton, 10 to 1 against L'Abbesse Gallardine,

10 to 1 against Oberland, 10 to 1 against Quartermann and Mirande, 100 to 7 against Overland.

Fight, Lady Morgan, Flank, March, 5lb (Duke), Romancer, Prussian Monarch, and Delvin, 25 to 1 against Lotus Eater, and 23 to 1 against L'Abbesse Gallardine.

On the left, he jumped off in front of Oberland, May Duke, Peterloo, Quarryman, First Flight, Lotus Eater, and L'Abbesse Gallardine, on the far side, and Clarence at the heels of the last head division.

At the distance Clarence took second place, and failed to reach Oberland, while all the running ones were by this time lame, four lengths separated the last and third.

Quartermann was fourth, Oberland

next, and First Flight the last pair.

THE RANGERS PLATE.—Lady Boy, Set. 10lb (Watts), 1; Stuart, Set 8lb (E. Chaloner), 2; Money, Set. 8lb (G. Woodburn), 3. Seven ran. Betting: 6 to 4 against Lady Boy, 7 to 1 against Stuart, and 100 to 6 against Money.

THE BELLSFIELD PLATE.—Tommy Littlehouse, aged, 10lb (Mr. Abingdon), 1; Pennionists, Syrs. 7lb 10lb (Chadney), 2; Eloquence II, Syrs. 6lb 10lb (Mullen), 3. Four ran. Betting: 6 to 4 against Tommy Littlehouse, 2 to 1 against Pennionists, and 10 to 1 against Eloquence.

THE EVASTON CASTLE SELLING PLATE.—Wrotham, Set. 8lb (E. Chaloner), 1; Miss Halle, Set 7lb (Tomlinson), 2; Bea Salt, Set 6lb (G. Barrett), 3. Four ran. Betting: 9 to 2 against Miss Halle, and 5 to 1 against Wrotham, and Bea Salt.

THE DEAN HIGHLAND PLATE.—Warkby, aged, 7lb (Platt), 1; Wiles, Mrs., Set 7lb (Griffiths), 2; Bea Salt, Set 13lb (G. Woodburn), 3. Thirteen ran. Betting: 100 to 9 against Warkby, 10 to 1 against Wilesman, and 50 to 1 against Scott Grey.

BETTING ON THE COURSE.

MANCHESTER NOVEMBER HANDICAP.

7 to 1 against Lily of Lamer, 6lb to 1 against Marne, 1; 2—Penelope, 1; 3—Athenaeum, 1; 4—Beau Chat, 1; 5—Audith, 1; 6—Audrey, 1; 7—Allaway, 1.

NORTHAMPTON AND PYTCHEY HUNT MEETING.

FRIDAY.

THE ROTHSCHILD PLATE.—Ben Hur, Syrs, 10st 2lb (M. Cannon), 1; Massere, Syrs, 10st 2lb (G. Barrett), 2; Bullion, Syrs, 10st 3lb (Liddiard), 3. Four ran. Betting: 5 to 4 against Massere, 5 to 2 against Ben Hur, and 6 to 1 against Bullion.

THE CORPORATION PLATE.—Toy, Syrs, 9st 11lb (E. Martin), 1; Opopanax, Syrs, 9st 11lb (Hawthorn), 2; Friar John, Syrs, 9st 11lb (E. Chaloner), 3. Seven ran. Betting: 9 to 4 against Toy and Friar John, and 7 to 1 against Opopanax.

THE CASTLES NOVEMBER HANDICAP.—Rev. Jones, 6lb (G. Barrett), 1; Shambles, 7st 11lb (G. Lester), 2; Scott Grey, 7st 11lb (G. Brown), 3. Nine ran. Betting: 10 to 1 against Rev. Jones and Shambles, and 50 to 1 against Scott Grey.

A TWO-YEAR-OLD SELLING PLATE.—Warkby, aged, 7st 11lb (M. Cannon), 1; Kingscote, Set 8lb (E. Chaloner), 2; Paddy, Set 8lb (G. Woodburn), 3. Five ran. Betting: 5 to 4 against Kingscote, and 6 to 1 against Paddy.

THE WHITOR NURSERY.—Torso, 7st 9lb (Bradford), 1; May Rose, 7st 11lb (G. Barrett), 2; Lumber, and Set 11lb (M. Cannon), 3. Twelve ran. Betting: 7 to 1 against Torso, 100 to 13 against Lumber, and 10 to 1 against May Rose.

THE BIRKIN.—Lichfield, Syrs, 10st (M. Cannon), 1; Abstinence II, Syrs, 10st (G. Lester), 2; Joanne, Syrs, 9st 11lb (J. Woodburn), 3. Ten ran. Betting: 8 to 1 against Lichfield, 10 to 1 against Abstinence II, and 100 to 8 against Joanne.

THE CASTLES NOVEMBER HANDICAP.—Primrose, 7st 11lb (E. Chaloner), 1; Hammock, Elbow, Syrs, 7st 11lb (A. G. Webb), 2; Queen May, Syrs, 10st 2lb (T. Fitter), 3. Four ran. Betting: Evans Red, 6 to 1 against Queen May, and 5 to 1 against Hammock.

THE BIRCON SELLING HURDLE RACE.—Debtors, Syrs, 10st 2lb (W. Hay), 1; Larmer, Syrs, 10st 2lb (Mr. W. V. Peasey), 2; Penelope, 10st 2lb (M. Cannon), 3. Seven ran. Betting: 5 to 1 against Sanctuary, and 6 to 1 against Debate and Lazarus.

PORTSMOUTH PARK MEETING.

FRIDAY.

THE NEWBORTH STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP.—Edward, aged, 10st 6lb (Mr. J. Dorner), 1; Requies, aged, 11st 1lb (Guy), 2; Skapl, aged, 11st 8lb (Mr. Luddington), 3. Three ran. Betting: 6 to 4 against Edward, 2 to 1 against Skapl, and 6 to 1 against Requies.

THE NEWBORTH HURDLE RACE.—Rodinal, Syrs, 10st 7lb (A. G. Webb), 1; Whallace, Syrs, 10st 11lb (Davidson), 2; Queen May, Syrs, 10st 2lb (T. Fitter), 3. Four ran. Betting: Evans Red, 6 to 1 against Queen May, and 5 to 1 against Whallace.

THE CASTLES NOVEMBER HANDICAP.—Primrose, 7st 11lb (E. Chaloner), 1; Hammock, Elbow, Syrs, 7st 11lb (A. G. Webb), 2; Queen May, Syrs, 10st 2lb (T. Fitter), 3. Two ran. Betting: 7 to 1 against Primrose, 100 to 1 against Hammock, and 10 to 1 against Queen May.

THE BIRCON SELLING HURDLE RACE.—Debtors, Syrs, 10st 2lb (W. Hay), 1; Larmer, Syrs, 10st 2lb (Mr. W. V. Peasey), 2; Penelope, 10st 2lb (M. Cannon), 3. Seven ran. Betting: 5 to 1 against Sanctuary, and 6 to 1 against Debate and Lazarus.

THE MIDNIGHT SELLING HURDLE HANDICAP.—Naseby, Syrs, 10st 7lb (G. Woodburn), 1; Novice aged, 1st 12lb (Mr. Schwind), 2; Serena, Syrs, 10st 10lb (Mr. Woodburn), 3. Seven ran. Betting: 5 to 4 against Naseby, 2 to 1 against Novice, and 6 to 1 against Lazarus.

THE PORTSMOUTH PARK NOVEMBER HANDICAP.—Likeness, Syrs, 10st (Mr. C. J. Dorner), 1; Evangeline, Syrs, 10st 11lb (H. Hoyt), 2; Seren, Syrs, 10st 11lb (W. F. Peasey), 3. Four ran. Betting: Evans Red, 6 to 1 against Evangeline, and 5 to 1 against Likeness.

THE CANTERBURY HUNTERS' FLAT RACE.—Lord of the Glen, Syrs, 10st 11lb (Mr. Lubbock), 1; Pendleton, Syrs, 10st 11lb (G. Woodburn), 2; Two ran. Betting: 6 to 5 on Pendleton.

LONDON BETTING.

MANCHESTER NOVEMBER HANDICAP.

8st 1 agst Lily of Lamer, 6 to 1 against Silver Star, 6 to 1 against Allende, 5 to 2;

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